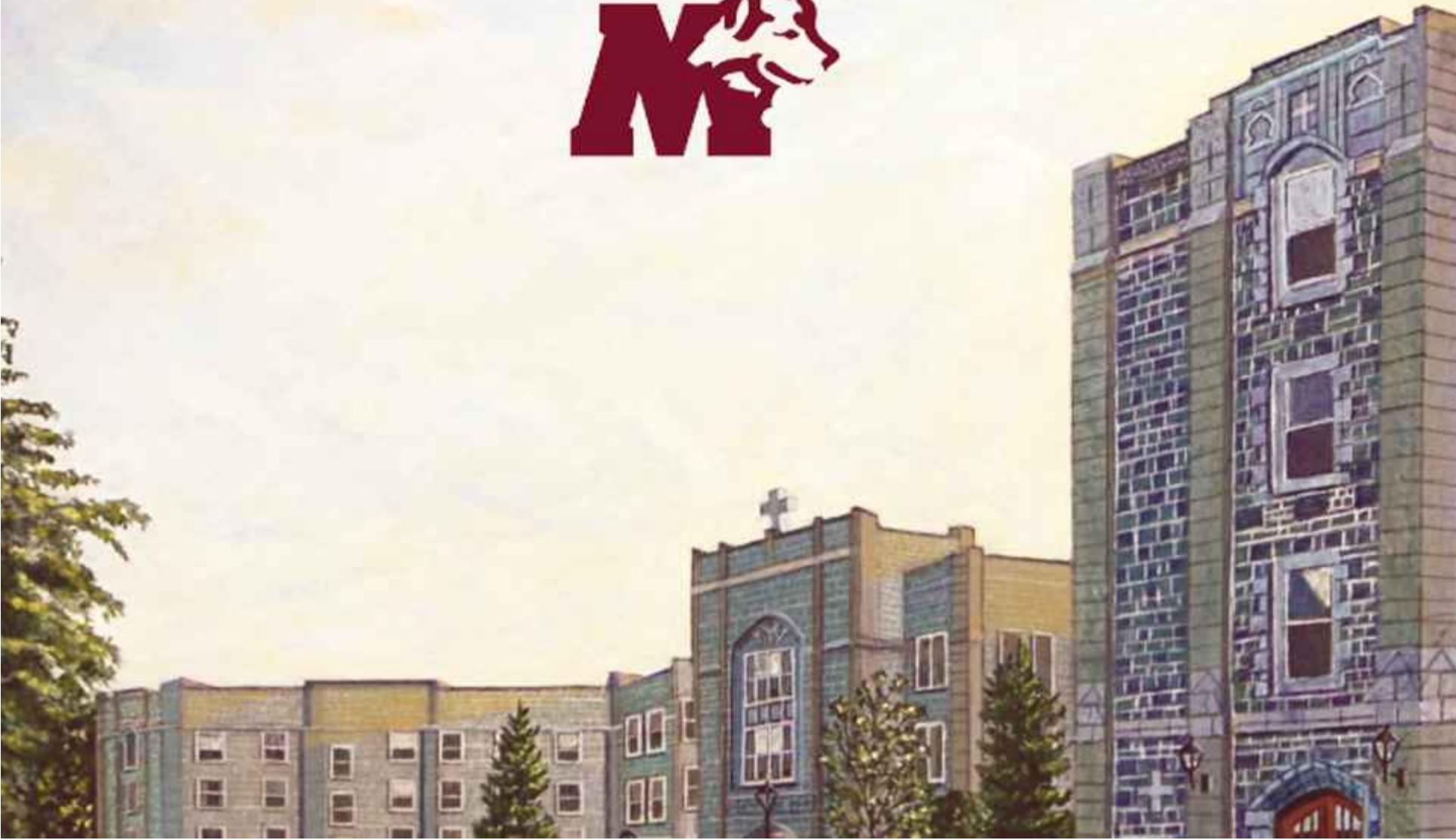


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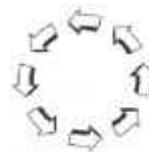
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## *Dedication*

*To*  
*Bob Hayes,*  
*Elizabeth Chard*  
*and J.J. Hennessey, S.J.,*  
*who provided the requisite leadership,*  
*insight, and spirituality*  
*required to mould champions*  
*from those who chose*  
*to attend this university ...*  
*and to all varsity athletes,*  
*coaches, staff and supporters*  
*who persevered to create the*  
*rich athletic legacy*  
*of Saint Mary's University.*

## *Age Quod Agis*

### **The Motto of Saint Mary's University**

The motto of Saint Mary's University exhorts all those connected with the University to strive to do their best in everything that they do. The quotation is from the Irish (Rice) Christian Brothers, the religious teaching order which directed Saint Mary's from 1913 to 1940 and symbolized their contribution to the development of this University.

In 1924, with the revival of the College's Newspaper, *The Collegian*, a poem about this motto was published.

#### *"Age Quod Agis"*

*To live as nobly as I can;*  
*To be, no matter where, a man;*  
*To take what comes of good or ill;*  
*To cling to faith and honour still;*  
*To do my best, and let that stand;*  
*The record of my brain and hand.*

Perhaps it is the dedication and ambition inherent in this motto that drives individuals and teams at Saint Mary's to achieve their many athletic and academic accomplishments.

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## Introduction

In January of 2010, the idea to write a history of varsity sport at Saint Mary's University was conceived during a Steering Committee meeting of the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre. With the passing of Dr. Elizabeth Chard on May 5, 2007, *The Touching Lives - Celebrating the Life of Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard* dinner was introduced. The Steering Committee was to be given a percentage of the revenue generated by this event, so in order to access funds raised via this dinner, a letter was written to Dr. Colin Dodds, University President, outlining how these funds would be used. Thus what was once known as the *History of Sport Project* was born.

Subsequently the committee decided that since the book will be collection of memories and stories in addition to histories of sport, and the title was changed to *Huskies, In Pursuit of Excellence: A Celebration of Saint Mary's University Varsity Athletic Programs: 1951-2010*.

The inaugural organizational meeting of the *History of Sport Committee* was held in March, 2010; the over-arching topic at this meeting was where to begin, what to include and how to delimit the production. Everyone was aware that Saint Mary's had a rich athletic history, long before Saint Mary's College left its Windsor Street campus and relocated to Robie Street in the unfinished McNally Building - soon to become Saint Mary's University. Over the last two centuries there have been a number of religious orders that were entrusted with the task of guiding and operating Saint Mary's: most notable were the Christian Brothers of Saint John the Baptist de la Salle (1868-1876); the Rice or Irish Christian Brothers (1913-1940); and the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) from 1940-70. Each of these religious orders had one common and paramount goal - providing a quality education for Roman Catholic young men. (Of course the Saint Mary's University of today embraces all genders and religious denominations). Each of those religious orders

believed that a healthy body would be the host for a healthy and productive mind and spirit, and thereby enshrined that philosophy at Saint Mary's. One has only to refer to Anne West's, *An Anniversary Portrait*, celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Saint Mary's for verification of those goals. The student-athlete was to become a selling point for the University.

The Committee arrived at consensus and chose 1951 as the starting point for this project for three reasons:

- 1) To concentrate on what was considered the "modern era";
- 2) The move from Windsor to Robie Street took place in 1951;
- 3) Bob Hayes was appointed in 1958 as the University's first full time Athletic Director.

The Committee in no way wishes to diminish or dismiss the athletic achievements prior to 1951. This "pre-modern" era of sport has been well documented by students writing in the Saint Mary's College year books: *The Collegian* and *The Santamarian*, while elements of pre-1951 sport history are also on file in the University Archives. In addition, through the efforts of alumnus Mike Doherty and university archivist, Hansel Cook, outstanding student-athletes from the 1930s and 1940s were identified and recognized during the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in 2005 and 2007 (See pp.70-71 in this publication).

Subsequently a commemorative plaque bearing the names of these outstanding student-athletes was placed on display within the university's Sport Hall of Fame, a plaque designed and constructed by the late Roy Clements, *Coach Emeritus*.

A portion of the inscription reads:

*This Plaque pays tribute to the fine scholar athletes who solved the seeds of the rich athletic tradition which we now enjoy. They are the building blocks on which our present day championship teams are constructed.*

Secondly, it was never the intent to cover every varsity sport program that existed from 1951-2011, nor was it the committee's intent to dismiss them as being unworthy of coverage. It was simply a collective decision for this project only to cover those varsity sport programs that had stood the test of time or were considered as major varsity programs that would serve to attract student-athletes to the University.

That being said, it would be unfair not to mention the existence of these 'other' sports<sup>1</sup>. Over the years the university had varsity tennis, golf, wrestling, tuna fishing, baseball, sailing and curling teams. The university tennis team of "Scriven, Nolan and Napier" won the Maritime Inter-Collegiate Championship in 1951, becoming the first Maritime Championship for the new edition of Saint Mary's on Robie Street. Kendal Thompson and Sarah Rhyno also skipped their respective men's and women's Curling teams to AUS Championships in 2010, while the 1968 Wrestling team finished third in the Maritime Intercollegiate Championships. Senator Willie Moore was a member of a Sailing Team that competed in the New England Fall Inter-sectional Regatta in 1963, including team members Bob "Devil" Downey, Peter Hopkins and Bruce Cruickshank. Senator Moore's 'sailing log' appeared in the November 22, 1963 issue of the Saint Mary's *The Journal*. To those who participated in similar sports programs not included or named in this publication, please accept the committee's apology, but do cherish the fact that you too were part of the contribution to the legacy of sport excellence at Saint Mary's University.

The Saint Mary's of the 21st Century also boasts a flourishing intramural athletic program and several successful club teams. Many of the intra-mural programs are co-ed in nature, and vary by season. These include Soccer (indoor and out), Flag Football, Ice Hockey, Softball Squash, Cheer Leading, Basketball and Volleyball. Many of these are recreational in nature, a few quite competitive, especially Men's Basketball and Volleyball. The competitive club teams include Golf, Karate, Curling Field Lacrosse, Men's Baseball and Rugby.

1. Snippets on 'other sports' by Mike Doherty is located on pp. \_ of this publication.

Another source of sport 'his'tory not found in this publication, but at least deserving of mention, includes those Saint Mary's athletes and coaches known to frequent different beverage-serving venues over the years. It was often said that "what happened there, would stay there", but more often than not, word leaked out. At times, a visit to one of these dens led to brilliant ideas being conceived and recruitment strategies uncovered. It is rumoured that a phone call made from the Lighthouse led to the eventual recruitment of star hockey goaltender Chuck Goddard. One should conclude, however, by stating that some of the details that occurred in these settings, may very well be unsuitable for this, or perhaps, any such publication.

It is our collective hope that as readers, you will enjoy what has been documented in this publication and, upon completion, that you may come to the same conclusion as the authors as to why it was necessary to document the rich varsity sport programs and traditions of Saint Mary's University.

Paul Puma  
Chair, Sport Hall of Fame Committee

### **New historical book on the origins of Saint Mary's University.**

Originally it was intended to include a brief history of the university within these pages. However, that too would have been redundant as there is a great new book, released in May 2012, by historian Peter McGuigan that recounts the history of the early buildings, personalities and several incarnations of Saint Mary's College from 1802, to the machinations and intrigues to re-open Saint Mary's University in its current location on south Robie Street in 1951. This publication also includes some of the early sport traditions of SMU (with photos), and is titled *The Intrigues of Archbishop Thomas T. McNally and the Rise of Saint Mary's University*. (Fernwood, 2012). Readers are encouraged to pick up a copy at the university bookstore or other fine bookstores in the region. It may also be ordered online. [Ed.]

## The Student-Athlete

## Moulding the Student-Athlete:

## A Personal Memoir of Four Decades at Saint Mary's

Colin Howell

Forty years ago, in the fall of 1970, I arrived at Saint Mary's to take up a teaching position in the Department of History. Just twenty-six years old, still wet-behind-the-years and thinking I knew far more than I did, I shared the optimism of those children of the sixties who trusted no-one over thirty and were determined to remake the world. A graduate of Dalhousie, where I had once captained what Bob Hayes enjoyed calling the "soot and yellow" rugby team, I left Halifax in 1967 to do doctoral work at the University of Cincinnati. To say that this was a tumultuous time in the United States would be an understatement. Campuses resonated with the language of civil rights, protests against the war in Vietnam, the tragic assassinations of Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King, and the shooting of students at Kent State. In this environment, the place of sport on campus was controversial. Wasn't sport with its emphasis on competition rather than cooperation simply a tool of the establishment? Wasn't too much money spent on sport rather than on the university's educational priorities? Wasn't frisbee in the park more democratic, participatory and healthy than having a handful of football players perform for 30,000 passive spectators? And wasn't it true, as feminists suggested, that sport was a male-dominated activity which reinforced masculine power in the society



**Dr. Colin Howell in his new offices within the Homburg Centre.**

at large? If universities were to fulfill a socially transformative mission, some asked, didn't sport just get in the way?

In those days prospects for change seemed to be everywhere: Dylan crooned that the answers to many of these questions were simply "blowing in the wind". In 1970 the winds of change also blew briskly down Robie Street. Three years earlier when I left for the States, Saint Mary's was an all-male university, still controlled by the Jesuits, with a little more than 600 students. When I returned to teach there it was operating under a new University Act, becoming increasingly co-educational, and enrollment had grown to over 2,000 students. At the same time the University began out of necessity to increase its faculty complement. Given that tenure-track academic jobs were in short supply across the continent, Saint Mary's was able to recruit an especially talented group of young academics who brought with them a vision of a university that would compete nationally for research dollars and scholarly recognition. In working toward that end, however, conflicts over funding were inevitable. It is hardly surprising that the faculty was one of the first in Canada to unionize. Nor is it surprising that in the struggle for scarce resources many of the same questions being raised in the United States about the place of sport in the university would also emerge here.

I remember at the time not always being sure where I stood on the issue. I had grown up in a family that loved sport, spent my summers as a teenager playing baseball in Kentville from sunup till sundown, attended every game the Halifax Junior Canadians played at the old Forum, played rugby for the Halifax Rugby Club and Dalhousie and, as my daughter grew up, coached her soccer club for a dozen years. I loved watching the Huskies whether on the football field, the basketball court or at the drafty old rink and undersized ice surface that even then needed to be replaced. Yet I could appreciate the arguments of those who worried about the negative effects that sport could exert in a university setting, and heard the arguments from aggrieved students that athletes had a kind

of "special status" on campus. Whether these concerns were legitimate or exaggerated, one image remains in my mind to this day. I used to teach American history to a class of over 100 students in old Theatre B in the Burke Building. One day as I looked up through the elevated rows of seats, a football player named Mike Riley (who later went on to play for a few years in the CFL) was occupying the entire center section of the theatre, legs over the seats in front of him and arms spread across the adjacent ones. No one else was within fifteen feet of him as he spread himself over about eight seats at once. Since then social theorists have often written about the male sense of entitlement to space and the way in which women occupy as little space as they can, knees demurely locked together and giving appropriate attention to good posture. Given that women's athletics at Saint Mary's had yet to develop its own space - as was true everywhere before *Title IX* in the United States altered the university sporting landscape - and given that debates continued about how resources should be distributed in the university as a whole, young Riley had made the point with dramatic effect. I don't think I ever mentioned it to him, but wish I had been able to take a picture of him that day.

Teaching both American and Canadian history at a time when a course in history was required for graduation, my classes were filled with athletes. I enjoyed the feelings of camaraderie with football recruits from Bishop Kendrick High School in Philadelphia like Ralph Panzullo, with high-profile athletes like Mickey Fox, Bob Warner, Lee Thomas, Kenny Clark, Angelo Santucci, Mike Curry, Chuck LeCain, Keith Hotchkiss, Brian O'Byrne, Dennis Reardon, Rick Plato and Hec Pothier. When they went on to win national championships, signed on to play at the professional level, or eventually fashioned successful careers in the community, I was gratified by their success and proud to have helped contribute to their education. Some of them such as Rick Plato, who went on to a successful career as a teacher and basketball coach, epitomized the ideal of the "scholar athlete", and clearly demonstrated that the divide between sport and academic excellence was far from

unbridgeable. So too with Chuck LeCain, Dennis Reardon, Bryan O'Byrne, Hec Pothier, Syd Moore and a number of other student-athletes such as Academic All-Canadian volleyball player Christena MacRae, whom I have come into contact with over the years. At the 2009 Saint Mary's Sports Hall of Fame induction of the 1978-9 men's basketball team, I had a chance to talk to Donald "Taps" Gallagher who came here from south of the border to play varsity basketball. After a year playing with the Huskies, the CIAU placed a limit of three Americans on university rosters, "Taps" found himself relegated to spectator status. Rather than challenging the ruling, or leaving the University, he dedicated himself to making the best of his degree. He worked on his courses with the same discipline that he had taken to the basketball court, never missed a class, and went on to a successful career as a lawyer in Chicago.

By that time the University had gone through a period of maturation and it had become clear to me that the athletic and academic missions of the school were more complementary than divisive. Building on the vision of the legendary Bob Hayes, and the coaching excellence of Al Keith, Brian Heaney, Larry Uteck and Bob Boucher, as well as the leadership of Kathy Mullane in women's athletics, Saint Mary's built a tradition of sporting excellence uncommon in a school that had no supporting kinesiology or physical education department. Elizabeth Chard, who chaired the History Department when I first came to Saint Mary's and later took over as Registrar, was a powerful voice for the importance of both the academic and athletic enterprise, and another influential figure in the development of the University as an institution of national prominence. Elizabeth was a *tour de force*, flinty, tough and dedicated to the University, and in becoming the first female president of the CIAU, demonstrated a willingness to take on the male-dominated bureaucracy of university sport. What all those coaches and builders shared - as did the father figure of Saint Mary's sport, Father John J. Hennessey - was a passion for the University. This enthusiasm carried over to the student-athletes. I still recall the day when a young soccer player, Rocco Cianfagione, stood up in a crowded

Theatre B to lecture Premier Gerald Regan on the necessity for more funding for its academic programs so that the University could realize its goals of both athletic and academic excellence. Later I was invited to Rocco's wedding, a gala event notable for its celebration of both his own family and the family of Santamarians that were there as well.

Rather than focusing on the old mind/body divide - the idea that because sports were of the body and academics of the mind that somehow they were in conflict — I came to think of them more holistically. As our world changes through the development of modern industrial, scientific and medical technologies, personal computers, and the internet, sport remains a profound social technology, an implement for social change and improvement. Saint Mary's in fact exemplifies the blending of three grand social technologies, (sport, education and religion), that are dedicated to improving lives and building stronger communities. None of these operate without imperfections, but in touching the lives of so many students, alumni, faculty, administrators and others at the university, they have given Saint Mary's its unique character. For me personally, a love of education, of history and of sport and a realization of how they contribute to social responsibility, has shaped my academic career and brought me deep personal satisfaction and affection for the University. I hear this from others all the time, often from student-athletes who came to Saint Mary's through athletics and got an education that allowed them to live successful lives and contribute to the community at large. It is a story often told at the induction ceremonies by our best athletes, our Paul Pumas, Chuck Goddards, Bob Ruotolos and countless others.

The more I thought of sport as a technology, the more I wanted to bring this into my own teaching and writing about Canadian history. For many years the traditional narrative of Canada was written into often dry textbooks that told the story of politics, war, and diplomacy, and focused on the accomplishments of

great men. While this was an important story to tell, it left so much out, silencing the voices of women, saying little about the history of the Maritimes, and rendering sport to the realm of the merely frivolous. Through the 1970s and into the 80s I had concentrated on writing the neglected history of Atlantic Canada into the national narrative, and just as the energy and camaraderie generated by Huskie teams, there was a great team of scholars throughout the region that took this on as their mission. At Saint Mary's a group of faculty members that included Ken MacKinnon, Cyril Byrne, Don Higgins, John Reid, Gene Barrett, Martha Macdonald, Anders Sandberg, Madine VanderPlaat and others were part of a team that helped develop the Atlantic Canada Studies program and the Gorsebrook Research Institute. Just like national champions in sport, this team fought for the region and a recognition of its importance to the nation. By the mid-80s, moreover, the turning away from the exclusive preoccupation with past politics and military history, and the new emphasis on social history, provided me with the opportunity to remake myself as a sport historian.

As I focused my research increasingly on sport, began attending conferences on sport studies and wrote books and articles on the subject, I was able to develop courses in sport history and supervise graduate students who were excited to write about sport. I point this out because while when we think of sport at Saint Mary's we often only focus on formal sport activity, and remain largely unaware that there is an academic tradition of research and writing about sport that is being built here as well. This extends beyond the research being done by the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame and heritage center, by people such as Heather Harris, who along with Brian O'Byrne and Dennis Reardon were graduate students in history during my first year of teaching at Saint Mary's. Other grad students, including Jim Myers, Mac Ross, Daryl Leeworthy, Dan Macdonald, Beverly Williams, Michael Smith, and Cindy Kiley, have written wonderful

theses on baseball and rugby in Cape Breton, sport in industrial communities and in rural areas, boxing in the Maritimes, women's sport, and leisure time in Halifax. Then there are the graduates of Saint Mary's who took their interest in sport (whether it be athletic or academic) to other universities. In addition to Rhodes Scholars such as former Huskie quarterback David Sykes, other Saint Mary's grads are continuing their studies elsewhere. Erik Lyman, who played on the national champion football Huskies, is presently completing a doctoral program at the University of Edinburgh working on sport in the Scottish military; former history honours student Leah Grandy has recently completed a doctorate at the University of New Brunswick with a study of harness racing in the Maritimes and New England; Daryl Leeworthy is working on sporting space in working class districts of Wales at the University of Swansea; and Mac Ross is doing a doctorate at the University of Western Ontario looking at the history of hockey in Nova Scotia.

Given the absence of a kinesiology or physical education program which would provide a formal linkage between the athletic and academic programs at Saint Mary's, I took the initiative a few years ago to establish the Center for the Study of Sport and Health (CSSH) which has now moved into the new Homburg Center for Health and Wellness, which was opened in April, 2012. The Center is committed to bringing world class researchers in sports studies to the campus, developing curriculum in the area of sports studies, and establishing a solid academic counterpart to Saint Mary's tradition of sporting excellence. It also will build upon its experience in hosting important sporting conferences. As part of the run up to the 2001 World Junior Hockey Championships and 2004 Women's Worlds in Halifax, for example, we hosted two major international *Putting it on Ice* conferences that are generally acknowledged to have begun a renaissance of hockey scholarship in Canada. *Putting it on Ice III* took place in July, 2012, just prior to the publication of this book. In the first two conferences our organizing committees included Elizabeth Chard, Nick

Murray, Bobby Warner, Bob Boucher, Trevor Stienberg, Paul Boutilier and Bryan O'Byrne and were supported by the staff at the Gorsebrook Research Institute. Here was a textbook example of the academic and athletic side of the University working closely together. Jean Beliveau, Ken Dryden, Danielle Sauvigeau, John Paris Jr., Stacey Wilson served as conference co-captains. At a special convocation which bestowed an honorary degree upon him, Dr. Dryden emphasized how sport and university learning worked together to provide a culture of civility and responsibility. "There is an important connection between sports and learning and educational institutions," he emphasized, "one increasingly forgotten, one that needs to be reinforced."

Over the years the University has taken great pride in preparing its students for the challenges of the future. Sport, religion and education have been at the heart of that mission, providing Saint Mary's students with a well-rounded preparation for living lives of purpose and social responsibility. Sport and education at Saint Mary's work hand in hand. As we celebrate the accomplishments of Saint Mary's athletics in this volume, therefore, we should not forget the tradition of academic excellence that we struggle to build. Nor should academics in their pursuit of that end dismiss the important role that sport, both at the varsity and the intra-mural level, has played in the educational process. Often the priorities of the university are evident in the buildings we construct to house them. Around us the new Atrium facility and improvements to the McNally building are a testament to the academic environment we offer our students, and the new Homburg Center for Health and Wellness recognizes the connections between individual and social health and well-being.

*Now if only we had that new rink!*

## They came, they played and they stayed ...

### Pat Connolly



Perhaps the most understated residual of Saint Mary's modern athletic renaissance is the number of student-athletes who came to our shores from other regions of Canada, as well as other countries and remained to become permanent residents and major contributors to this city and province. The list is long and impressive and our imperfect research system is doubtless incomplete without exact numbers. To those

whose names are not included in the following paragraphs, we offer our most sincere apologies and assurance that their continuing contributions are no less recognized and appreciated.

Reflecting back to those heady days of the 1960s and '70s when varsity sports programs were being developed by freshly-minted Athletic Director Bob Hayes, and successes came early, it was fashionable for rival schools to scathingly refer to Saint Mary's as "a jock school". The implication of course was that SMU entrance requirements were somehow sub-standard and therefore weighted in favor of exceptional athletes without proper scholastic credentials. Pure poppycock of course, but a convenient excuse for rivals who could not keep pace with the Huskies athletic accomplishments.

### The Student-Athlete

Hayes' successor as football coach and later Athletic Director, Larry Uteck, was a former CFL star, who took up permanent residence to become an Alderman and Acting-Mayor of his adopted city for one year. He succumbed after an incredible seven-year battle with ALS while continuing duties on both fronts.

Eventually the "jock school" theory evaporated as Saint Mary's student-athletes excelled not only on the fields of sport, but in the classrooms where failure to perform in the latter took sports out of the equation until corrections were effected. Well rounded graduates emerged to take their places in their fields of choice and Nova Scotia became the choice of many among a list of distinguished alumni, most within the HRM region.

A majority of those who chose Halifax, remained close to their SMU sporting disciplines as enthusiastic supporters. Sadly, too many have passed away far too early in the attrition of life, but their spirit lives on with families and friends. Among the departed, Robert G. Hayes, *A D Emeritus*, the original architect who personally punctured the "jock school" myth by gaining his own university degree while directing the athletic programs. Others no longer with us include hockey, soccer and football coaches Bob Boucher, Roy Clements and A1 Keith, as well as players Dave White, Mark Connolly and Dick Loiselle.

Among the CFA's (come from aways who stayed), the numbers certainly reflect a recruiting program initiated by Hayes that demanded not only skills but, more importantly, character and commitment. So many success stories, young men and women who have made marks in their professions, and who have had a profound effect on the lives of young Nova Scotians who came under their under their influence. Football, for instance, is represented by Paul Puma, long time teacher and principal, current chairman SMU Sport Hall of Fame; Joe Simatovic, teacher, principal; and Department of Justice manager and

his fellow justice colleagues Angelo Visintin, Paul Degintino, Larry Stewart and Mike Korecki.

Still with gridiron grads, Dr. David Murphy, former SMU AD now in a similar capacity at Simon Fraser U; Bill Robinson, Sr., Executive-Director Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame; Steve Sarty, current SMU AD; Bill Scollard, executive with Labatt Breweries; Frank Garner, international paddling coach and CEO, 2011 Canada Winter Games; Jeff Hutt, Officer, Canadian Navy, Mike MacPherson, head coach, C. P. Allen High; Halifax businessman Bruce Hopkins; SMU administrator Keith Hotchkiss; Mike O'Brien, an automobile GM; Jim Crenze, sales; Randy Ruedel and Pierre Lefevre, Air Canada, Sport Nova Scotia... and back as Huskies assistant coach; and Gord Fumerton, teacher.

The list of SMU female student-athletes who have put down roots is shorter but no less distinguished and among those identified are field hockey stars: Sue Uteck, HRM Councillor, Ann Uteck, Ruth Wilkins, Annelie Vandenberg, and SMU accountant Marcia Kissner.

The Huskies basketball program attracted many outstanding players and individuals, a large number of whom remained to call Halifax home. They continue to contribute their skills inside and outside of basketball, in business and professions. Ross Quackenbush, long time head coach of the varsity Huskies; Mickey Fox, retired teacher and now Technical Director, Sport Nova Scotia; Jack Lucier, an educator in the Halifax School System; Peter Halpin, Association of Atlantic Universities; John Gallinaugh, Spin Technologies; Bob Taboski, Landscaping Company; Fred Perry, financial services; Rick Plato, educator and coach: Ken Seward, Atlantic Regional Manager, Alumacorp; Luddy Bartkus, retired educator; Gary Bratty, builder.... And of course Brian Heaney, Huskies basketball coach in the mid-1970s who

not only brought national championships to the campus, but whose indefatigable promotional skill was mainly responsible for taking the game from gymnasiums to the major stages of sports entertainment in Nova Scotia. Heaney remains in Halifax in the financial services industry. Former Huskies soccer star Stephen Hart found Nova Scotia air to his liking and is now a coach with the Canadian Men's team.

The hockey Huskies have also contributed some valuable assets to the metro and environs landscape over the years, beginning with one of Bob Boucher's "originals" from the early 1970s, goaltender Chuck Goddard who has had a successful career with the Department of Justice.

Another early arrival, businessman Bob Warner went on to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs before settling back in Halifax. Chuck LeCain is now a retired educator; Rod Bossy is retired from communications; Mike Kelly, former team captain with a long career in the beverage industry. Mike Peterson, Tom McDonnell enjoyed a fine career in business, as did Mike Volpe. More recent hockey graduates to make HRM home include Dan Rudisuela, Sports Direct; Jason Cannon, Environment, Jim Midgley, Coach, and Travis Kennedy, executive, Halifax Mooseheads.

This, then, is our incomplete list of Huskies, past and present, who came, played, studied, graduated and were captivated, perhaps conquered, by their surroundings. All of them have made this a better place.

*Some jocks! Some school!*

## The 'Jock' University

Frank Mitchell

After completing two degrees in the mid-1960s and subsequent graduate work at Saint Mary's University, I applied and was accepted by the University of Toronto's faculty of Graduate Studies in Education into a full-time specialized master's program, beginning in 1974. Although the acceptance had already been completed and processed via the usual mail-in application, there was also a personal intake process, which included interviews by faculty. Since I arrived several months before the beginning of the fall semester, this interview took place in early July.

After the usual exchange of pleasantries, I sat down at a desk in front of a professor about my age (I was 30 at the time and had taught high school for seven years and was a junior administrator in a city high school at the time). The professor sat opposite me, next to a table containing a small stack of unopened files. He shuffled through them for a moment, "Ah, yes, here it is - your file". He opened and perused it briefly, and then as if out of nowhere, "Oh, you're from that jock university, Saint Mary's." I might have blinked; I do not remember, as I was initially quite shocked by the remark; it was not a term I ever used, for the most part considering it extremely pejorative. However, I recovered quickly. I had become somewhat 'street-wise' after just year one of teaching all-boys classes in the St. Patrick's High school basement -182 of them in my first year - with several of them actually older than me. Still, I had not expected that comment. Although circumstances had prevented me from playing varsity hockey longer, my response was immediate: "Yes sir, it seems I was one of those jocks -1 played varsity hockey at Saint Mary's, as well as Junior A, while earning my degree in science."

I was initially puzzled and wondered about the genesis of that comment, as I was so focused on the task at hand - graduate school - but then almost as quickly remembered that Saint Mary's teams were indeed reigning national university (CIS) football and basketball champions - and that the Boucher coached hockey teams had pushed U of T to the limit in national championship play (losing only in the CIS final in 1973) during the past several years. The difference in size between the two institutions was perhaps a ratio of 50:1, as I had moved from one of the smaller institutions in Canada to perhaps the largest, although the graduate faculty I attended (OISE) would have been about the same size as SMU, so I quickly became comfortable in my new surroundings.

The faculty member then looked at the file more closely. "Pretty average marks" was his next response; he was commenting on page one of the transcript which covered the first two years at SMU. He then turned the page ... I waited for more ... "Better during your senior years." It was obvious by then that he was reading the file for the first time, page by page. "Now, let's look at your test results, we put a lot of emphasis on those - they are often the best determinants of what success you will have at this level."

The first was the MAT, a requirement for all master's applicants. He looked puzzled, "Well, I suppose if you studied mathematics as a science major, an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is possible... still we seldom see math scores that high in this faculty. However, English scores are really what matters ... I wonder how well a science graduate fared in that category?" His eyes cast further down the page; he paused for a moment, "Hmm, 95<sup>th</sup>"....

I interjected, "Isn't that the highest category?" He did not reply, but nodded imperceptibly in the affirmative. I continued, "Well, Dr. X (he had a Ph.D. after his nameplate on the desk), Saint Mary's was a Jesuit-run institution during my years there - we had to study English, history, religious studies, philosophy and a second language in addition to mathematics and the sciences,

while Arts students had two foreign language requirements. The Jesuits has high expectations for young men in what was then an all-male institution [with one notable exception during my years at SMU] - to be fit in both mind and body. It was a great experience, a wonderful place to learn."

He continued to read without looking up, flipping pages with little response to my last comment. His face was rather stoic, non-committal. Then he noted something else in the record. "You have already completed some graduate studies; you didn't tell me that."

I replied, "You didn't ask sir... but it was in the application along with my graduate transcript." My tone was polite, but rather direct and more emphatic by now.

"Well, they are very good grades ... so why are you enrolling here for another masters?"

"I came to study Curriculum and Administration - and this institution has an excellent reputation for both ... I hoped it would advance my career. I learned much through my earlier post-graduate courses, but the curriculum here is far more specialized ... I also hope it will be as much or more than what I expect based on its reputation. My professors at Saint Mary's recommended this program to me and wrote good letters of support... have you read them?"

His face relaxed somewhat; he looked up once, but continued to read with little more than an almost imperceptible nod. Upon discovering a second set of tests, he seemed even more quizzical: "Why did you take the Graduate Record Examinations, they are only required for admission to the Doctoral program, not a masters".

"Well for two reasons: originally I assumed I would complete a Masters of Science in Chemistry and those tests are required for graduate programs in institutions offering that program, but since then I have altered my career path rather significantly. Secondly, I thought if I enjoyed the program here, I might

**consider pursuing a doctorate ... should that occur, it would be helpful to have crossed all of the T's' in advance."**

His eyes widened, his demeanor changed, there was a faint smile at the corner of his lips. "You do know that all students in this program must take two compulsory administrative courses."

I nodded and replied, "Yes, that is why I enrolled in this summer session - to take both compulsory units now, so that I'd have more flexibility for electives come September."

His smile broadened: "Well I'm teaching one of those sections this summer and I have just enrolled you in my class. Is that okay withyou? I'm sure we'll get along well". He then informed me that he was relatively new to Canada and would have to learn more about our fascination with hockey, as football and baseball were the big games where he grew up. "Perhaps we could talk about it over coffee?" There was never any further reference to jocks; it was as if it had never been said. And we did get along well; I received a good grade in that course, en route to completing my graduate studies there.

That day I learned some valuable lessons that have stayed with me throughout my life: one, read the material in the file before meeting someone (I subsequently sat on many hiring and promotional panels during my career); two, never prejudge anyone before meeting them, there will be lots of time for judgments later. The third, I had already learned from a short lifetime of competitive team sports: never underestimate your opponent ... and absolutely never, ever insult your opposition. To do so gives them great motivation to beat you. That applies to life as well as to sport, and is a lesson I am grateful that I learned early in life.

I have always played all competitive sports to win, but I have always respected and congratulated my opponents, win or lose. And winning and losing in team sports taught me some very valuable lessons to take along on life's journey... I played for some very strong teams who lost championships in the dying moments of games when it seemed to most we might be

crowned provincial or Maritime champions, (a sudden death overtime loss in hockey and extra-innings in baseball - only six months apart) - and I played for several well-coached teams considered by many as decided underdogs, that were given little or no chance at winning by the pundits, but have a couple of championship trophies on my shelf that I cherish to this day. I am ever grateful for having experienced both winning and losing in those circumstances as they taught me both perseverance and a degree of humility, and I'm even more thankful for my teammates who supported one another in those efforts. But what has stood the test of time in my life is what I learned from my professors and colleagues at the Jesuit-run institution I attended as a young man: I learned to think for myself and to support others in the same way - at Saint Mary's University.

#### Editor's Note on Academic All-Canadians:

As a reader of this publication, please note the detailed statistics, award winners and all-stars listed in the Appendices (pp. 277-308) and ensure that you look at the very impressive list of Academic All-Canadians cited among those pages (301-308), as well as those who have received the President's Award. Be sure to read the criteria for selection and the citation that accompanies these prestigious designations.

In short, to make it to these lists one has to excel in sport and in academics, with a minimum A- average in all of the classes in which one was enrolled. Now check these numbers.

In the sixty years covered by this manuscript, there are approximately 1500 award winners from Saint Mary's University named in sport (about twenty-five annually); while the Academic All-Canadians number nearly 400 of that total. However, the Academic All-Canadians have only been so honoured for the last fifteen years (1997-2011), also an average of twenty-five per year, with the numbers becoming even larger in the latter years. Add in the President's Award winners for the past twenty years and those honoured for academic achievement while performing in a varsity sport (on an annualized basis) now actually outnumber those given for achievement in sport alone.

## Remembrances

What follows is a series of recollections and reminiscences, which are sometimes more nostalgic than purely historical accounts, but it is precisely that personal approach, sprinkled with humour that makes these stories so compelling. We hope you, the reader, will agree.

**Part I** actually begins in the in the mid-1940s with Elmer MacGillivray as a high school student at Saint Mary's College, prior to his becoming a Jesuit himself, and his experiences up to and slightly beyond the hiring of AD *Emeritus*, Bob Hayes. Brian Hemming then spins a series of compelling tales about what he has termed the 'phlegmatic 50s',

**Part II** follows the section on the Hall of Fame on page 73 with several stories of the 1960s, beginning with Chris Donahoe and is followed by a triad of authors entitled the 'American Experience', as many student-athletes trekked north to study and play under the guidance of the Jesuits. Debi Woodford then takes us through the 70s, beginning with the Canada-USSR hockey series, almost to the end of the 80s, a period when Women's sport had not only arrived, but had taken its rightful place alongside their male counterparts, making the entire Varsity program a force with which to be reckoned... as it now had depth, breadth and gender balance, much of which she and Helen Castonguay attribute to the work and drive of Kathy Mullane, as well as the vision and support of Bob Hayes.

Many essays are shorter, four or five year snippets, such as those of Costa Elles and Jad Crnogorac, covering their time enrolled at the university, but some are much longer, such as Carol MacLean's submission, which paints her family's forty-plus year connection with Saint Mary's. Still others, such as Bruce Ross and Alain Beaudoin, write about the icons that made the Varsity Athletic Program what it is today - viz, Chard and Clements - they were the underpinnings, the pioneers who broke ground for what followed.

The second-to-last entry is almost an autobiographical account covering some forty years as well, by the "Voice of the Huskies", John Bishop, and concludes with two tributes: Dennis Reardon's "greatest athletic supporter," Vern Creighton; and Paul Puma's memorial to inseparable friends, Dick Loiselle and Dave Randall. [Ed.]

### My Two Eras at Saint Mary's Elmer MacGillivray, S.J.

First, there was the time between 1944-49 when I was a boarder for two years in high school and three years in college.

Second, there was the time between 1956-59 when I came back to teach and coach as part of my Jesuit training.



**Part I:** I arrived at St. Mary's in 1944 at age sixteen to become a high school boarder. The high school and college were all in this one building at the corner of Windsor and Quinpool (where St. Patrick's High was located from 1954 into the 21st Century). Together we numbered around 300 students; we shared the same chapel, dining room and campus - consisting mainly of a football field and a baseball diamond with an outdoor rink in winter.

No gym. No basketball. In 1944 the city high school football champs were coached by a Jesuit scholastic in training, Mr. Gordie George. He later became Father George and an outstanding Jesuit priest. The college had English rugby with a coach by the name of Vinnie Vaughn, a Nova Scotia Technical College teacher, but a former Saint Mary's student. Hughie Campbell, Bert Hirschfeld and I played on the high school hockey team. Mr. Jim McDonald, a former Saint Mary's student, coached us; the college hockey team was coached by Mr. Harold "Babe" Beazley, the Dean of Commerce.

The season before (1943-44), Monsignor Carroll along with Jim McDonald, mentioned above, started what they called "The Saint Mary's Winter Gardens". It consisted of an outdoor rink and clubhouse, built at the Gorsebrook Golf Course, the site of the present day campus. They formed a juvenile hockey team, which included stars such as T)ugger' McNeil, Bert Hirschfeld and

Gummy Gilfoy, but none of them ever went to university. They lost the Nova Scotia Championship to Sydney Academy.

In 1944-45, the Winter Gardens decided to join up with Saint Mary's College (that meant the high school and college players, with anyone 18 and under eligible to try out). When tryouts were over, four of us from the high school made the team: Hughie Campbell, Bert Hirschfeld, Stan Selig in nets and myself. Dugger' McNeil was from St. Paf's that year. Jim McDonald started this team - he was a staunch Saint Mary's man. We wore the Maroon and White, and we said our Hail Mary before leaving the dressing room. Since I was a boarder at St. Mary's College (always called a college even though I was in high school), I always assumed I was playing for my school team. The media called us the College Juvenile team. There was no Saint Mary's Athletic Club outside the College; we were from the College and nowhere else. We won the Maritime Championship, undefeated.

MARITIME JUVENILE FINALS		
April 4th. -- April 6th.		
St. Mary's College <small>Nova Scotia Champions</small>		Canadians <small>N.S. &amp; P.E.I. Champions</small>
Line Up	GOAL	Line Up
Goalie	DEFENCE	Strain
1. McNeil 2. Graves	FORWARDS	2. Walker 3. Wilson
4. Hirschfeld 5. Namler 6. Osborne 7. MacGillivray 8. Young 9. Simon 10. MacPondie 11. Sullivan 12. Campbell 13. Duggan J. G. McLaughlin		4. Baerhart 5. Swetson 6. Currier 7. Malsmeads 8. Sheynard 9. Dowling 10. Irving 11. Geigley 12. Blake McGregor

Next year the whole team moved up to Junior. Since no one from the college side were young enough to make the Juvenile team the year before, that year we had five college players make the team: Johnny Young, Bruce Hyland, Joe McLellan, Tusker O'Neill and Frank Graves. Two high school players still made the team: Hughie Campbell and me. Bert Hirschfeld had moved over to St. Paf's for Grade 11. This led to three straight Maritime Junior Championships.

In this same 1945-46 year, the high school football team was coached by Jesuit scholastic, Mr. Ernie Tyler, S. J., who later became, and still is today, Father Ernie Tyler, S. J. There may still have been English Rugby for the college men and, if so, it was their last. The university hockey team was still coached by Mr. "Babe" Beazley, and the high school hockey team was coached again by Mr. Ernie Tyler, where they went on to win the Nova Scotia Championship, defeating Glace Bay High.

1946-47: the high school football continued, but no college football, although Mr. Tyler put together a Saint Mary's Grads team, which was a mixture of players to play at the senior or intermediate level. The college hockey team was becoming very weak, so Marty Barry, an ex-NHL player, was brought in to coach the junior team. All the interest on campus was behind the junior team.

1947-48: high school football continued as before, but still no college football. College hockey was getting weaker; maybe even no team that year? Saint Mary's Juniors, where all the interest was focused, again were Maritime Champs. Remember, it was not a college team, yet so closely connected, the entire city truly thought it was.

In 1948-49, in my third year of Arts after returning from training camp, I played my final year. Bert Hirschfeld and T)ugger' McNeil had gone to the Montreal Canadiens training camp., but with one year of junior left, they were assigned to the Montreal Junior Royals where they went on to win the Memorial Cup. Dugger signed with the Senior Royals and played with some very famous future Canadians there. Hughie stayed in the Ranger system and signed

to play with their New York Rovers farm team. So my final year was still with Saint Mary's (my fifth season with that name) only this time it was the Senior Saint Mary's in the Big Four League. Jim McDonald and Gerald Reardon, who both founded, organized, managed and coached that Junior team in the early years, now bought the Halifax Senior Crescent franchise. It would be pretty hard to call that team a "Saint Mary's College Leam" as we were seniors getting paid (for the first time in my life).

1949-56: During these seven years I was pretty well cut off from Saint Mary's as I had entered the lesuit order in Guelph, and was going through my initial training. Probably the biggest move during that time was Saint Mary's University and High School going from Windsor Street to Robie Street, as the university now had a gym.

High School football came to an end near the end of this period. One of the last people to coach high school football was Mr. Gerry MacDonough, SJ.; later Father MacDonough. He prepared some all-star players for the upcoming junior teams.

**Part II:** 1956-59 saw my return to begin my teaching career as a lesuit. Basketball had begun and Frank Baldwin had both high school and university teams in competitive form in their respective leagues. Hockey was getting stronger with some outstanding players coming over from St. Paf's and Dugger' McNeil taking over the coaching of the University team The high school team competed in the local high school league -1 coached that team. On the football scene, a year previously, Saint Mary's placed their team in the local Junior Football League, playing mostly against Navy teams ... players were permitted from outside the University. One of the coaches on this team was Don Smith Now when I was appointed by Father Mike ODonnell, the Athletic Director (acting, as he was Dean of Men) to coach the football team that year (1956), his first announcement was: "Starting this year all members of the junior football team must attend either University or the High School." We had a successful season, winning the Maritime Championship in Chatham, NB against St. Thomas College, but we had a sad ending to the season as we got soundly trounced by the N.D.G.

Maple Leafs in Montreal in the Eastern Canadian playoff game. The 1957-58 season ran along quite smoothly with Frank Baldwin doing a splendid job with both basketball teams; 'Dugger' coaching the University hockey team and me, the High School hockey team. I also coached the junior football team where we won the Maritime Championship once again, but also once again lost out in Montreal.

At the close of all sports that year, in the spring of 1958, one of the greatest events that ever happened in the history of Saint Mary's sports: "Bob Hayes was hired as the first ever Director of Athletics" and perhaps I could say: "The rest is history". You have it all documented there on campus... and now it is in this publication.

In 1958-59 he also began his coaching career as he coached both football and hockey teams. It was the last year of my teaching experiment, so I stayed pretty close to him and helped him get comfortable with all things Catholic, Jesuit and Saint Mary's. He loved to tease me on all these matters, but it didn't take him long to catch on to the real spirit of Saint Mary's.

Just a few final things about Bob - first of all, how we hired him. Father Pat Malone, S. J. the President said to me: "You need to find me an Athletic Director. We are getting too big to continue on this way." Shortly after that I attended a Junior Football League meeting in one of the classrooms at the University. I immediately recognized the Navy man sitting next to me - he was the big Shearwater Myer All-Star fullback, the best in the league. We all knew him. At the end of the meeting we got talking, I told him our situation and as he showed some enthusiastic interest, I couldn't get him into Father Malone's office fast enough. Once again, I can truly say: "The rest is history."

It was wonderful watching him in action during his first year and my last. Saint Mary's had never seen a leader such as this: filled with ideas and dreams and plans laced with tons of enthusiasm. One day I walked into his office and he was drawing up plans for a new rink. Next day he was all excited about his new name for the teams, the Huskies. His next big idea was scouting.

Before I knew it I was in a car with him, Father Labelle and Frank Baldwin on our first ever scouting trip to the U.S. We were to cover Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut. From that trip two men arrived at Saint Mary's the next year: quarterback Ray Roy and basketball All-Star John Riley. A few more were spoken to but came later were: Teddy Chandomet, Frank Arment and Cas Mirandos.

Shortly after that trip it was off to Kentville to scout a hockey school with Bob, Dugger' McNeil and myself. He began to cover the whole Maritimes; I believe he must have even gone to Truro!

I'll close with my own personal scouting trip for Hayes. When I left him for Toronto in 1959 to begin my studies in theology, he jokingly told me he was making me his chief scout in Toronto. So I went to watch a high school football game between St. Mike's and De La Salle. The star from St. Mike's that day was a young runner by the name of Paul Puma. For the third and last time: "The rest is history." I'm now batting 1000 in the scouting department.... *Go Huskies Go!*

### **Saint Mary's in the Phlegmatic Fifties: A Personal Memoir**

**Brian Flemming<sup>1</sup>**

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One of the best, and perhaps most profound, opening lines in any 20<sup>th</sup> century English-language novel appears in L.P. Hartley's, *The Go-Betweeen*:

"The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there."

The Saint Mary's I entered in September of 1953 - coincidentally, *The Go-Betweeen* was published that same year - to begin Grade X at age fourteen at the southern end of what is now called the McNally Building was definitely part of a long-gone "foreign country." Indeed, it is almost impossible, in 2010, to describe how different the times were in the prim, peaceful and prosperous Halifax of the 1950s. Even the Saint Mary's motto - *Age Quod Agis* or "concentrate completely on what you are doing"- seems inappropriate in our

contemporary world, one that values multi-tasking over single-mindedness. I know that lowering the drawbridge of my imperfect memory and remembering that "foreign country" is not without its pitfalls but, regardless, here is my elegy for that long-lost land.

In the autumn of 1953, the Second World War military hero, the plain as pewter Dwight D. Eisenhower, was in the White House; a staid, taciturn Quebec City corporate lawyer, Louis St. Laurent, had just won a fresh term as Canada's prime minister; the Soviet tyrant, Josef Stalin, had died in March; Nova Scotia Premier Angus L. Macdonald was celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Liberal Party rule in Province House; the Korean War had ended in June; and the Cold War was well under way with the threat of nuclear Armageddon hovering over a worried world.

By the spring of 1959, when I left Saint Mary's, the world had changed dramatically. John Diefenbaker - whom many of us met in 1958 when he came to receive an honorary degree at Saint Mary's - had ended decades of Liberal rule in Ottawa; John F. Kennedy was waiting impatiently in the wings to herald a newer and younger age in America; Robert Stanfield had begun his long premiership in Nova Scotia; Sputnik had started the race for the moon; and the Vietnam War was getting hotter. And, in 1959, Saint Mary's became the first university in Nova Scotia to have installed a digital computer.

In keeping with the temper of the times, the popular music of 1953 was bland and boring - think Dean Martin and "*That's Amoi'e*" and Hank Williams's "*Your Cheatin' Heart*". Rock and roll's transformational hit, "*Rock Around the Clock*" by Bill Haley and the Comets, was two years away from bursting onto the scene and the Elvis Presley explosion, with his first hit, "*Heartbi'eak Hotel*", would only arrive in 1956. The "Beatnik Bible", *Oi i the Road* by Jack Kerouac, was first published in the 50s although few, if any, Santamarians could accurately be described as "beatniks". TV could be seen in Ontario, but did not hit Halifax until December of 1954 when CBHT first broadcast snowy black and white pictures for a few hours a day from the old College Street School Radio, vinyl records and double feature movies were the main forms of entertainment for everyone in

1953, including teenagers such as me. The favourite authors of Saint Mary's students in the 50s were a "Catholic trio" from England: Evelyn Waugh, Graham Greene and G. K. Chesterton.

Halifax Archbishop J. T. McNally had died tragically in November of 1952 in the midst of a diocesan financial crisis brought on by his acquisition of the Gorsebrook golf club property and the building of a new Saint Mary's in the Halifax's south end. It would be a year and a half before a new archbishop, Gerald Berry of Montreal, would arrive to help clean up the detritus. When I arrived, suitably attired in a new blue blazer, grey trousers, white shirt and tie, the McNally building was a mess. It had unfinished floors in many places, particularly in the third floor library which had 2" x 6" planks for a floor. The future gymnasium below the chapel was still a hollow concrete shell with a rough plywood floor. Basketball nets were months from being installed...: the gym would not be finished until late 1957.

Construction at Saint Mary's had ground to a halt in the chaos caused by cost over-runs and difficult dealings with Franco Consiglio, a stubborn but pious architect from Montreal. (Later in life, I successfully sued Consiglio on behalf of the Diocese of Antigonish for his negligent design of the roof of St. Anthony Daniel Church in Sydney, N.S.) It took a financial rescue package from Norman Stanbury, then a prominent Hollis Street stockbroker and son-in-law of Col. Sidney Oland, to save the project from complete collapse. A man who would eventually become my father-in-law, Dr. Jack Merritt of Halifax, was a significant player in this rescue effort. Saint Mary's was not only broke in 1953, but would require a significant "tithing" of diocesan parishes to get the high school and university out of their sloughs of the deep despond of debt.

The true focal point of both the high school and the university, that then had a combined total of about 400 students, was Frank Baldwin's canteen in the basement. Everyone gathered at Frank's between and after classes to exchange quips with this somewhat overweight, but humorous man - and one of the greatest basketball coaches ever. Near the canteen was a ping-pong table, a pool table and a grungy sandwich room where "day hops" like me could interact with the boarders who inhabited the northern end of

McNaUy. As I had learned to play basketball under the tutelage of Frank's acolyte - future government lawyer, Gerry Conrad, Q. C. - at Oxford School in Halifax's west end, Frank asked me to try out for the Saint Mary's High School team I did, and made it.

When the season began, we were in a league with Queen Elizabeth High and Saint Patrick's High QEH not only had the best team in Halifax but twice would become the Canadian juvenile basketball champions. QEH boasted stars such as Ted Wickwire, Bill White and Steve Thompson Saint Paf's was no slouch either with outstanding players such as Brian Ross, Bill Mullane and Kenzie ("Moose") Duns worth. Saint Mary's had Ron Barnes, "Squeeks" Barrett and me. Although, as centre and captain of the team, I was capable of scoring 12-14 points a game and getting my fair share of rebounds, our team did not fare very well in the 1953-55 period. Only the capable, largely defence-oriented, coaching of Frank Baldwin kept us from being totally humiliated. Perhaps the most pitiful part of being at Saint Mary's was hosting other teams in a rudimentary gym that was a far cry from the shiny, modern courts at QEH and St. Paf's. And, being an all-male school, we couldn't even boast bouncy female cheerleaders.

Our passage from high school to university in 1955 at Saint Mary's was a seamless progression from the south to the north end of McNally. Since both schools were so small, and because we all used the same facilities, we high school grads already knew most everyone at the university end of the building. There was no great upheaval between high school and university for us, as there was when students went from local public high schools to Dalhousie or other universities. That was a big plus.

The presence of the Jesuits - nicknamed the Jebbies - at both ends of McNally ensured that we received the highest quality of education available in the Halifax of the 1950s. That had been the diocesan hierarchy's objective when the Christian Brothers of Ireland were given their walking papers in the 1940s and were replaced by the elite educators of the Society of Jesus who were dedicated to the development of "the whole man". Full-time female students at Saint Mary's would not arrive until the mid-1960s although the first part-time female grads were awarded

degrees in 1955. The names of some of these talented Jesuits who taught us still resonate: Malone, Lynch, Fisher, Labelle, Stewart, McCarthy, Burke-Gaffney, Hoffman, QRourke, McDonough, Johnstone, Wiegel, Nelligan, Gallagher, QDonnell, Belair, Topp, Brown, Fogarty, Doyle, MacGillivray and the two Murphys. Extraordinarily, it was the first time I'd ever been taught by male teachers, and I loved it. When they punished us, the *Jebbies* put us in the "lug".

The confessional nature of education at the Saint Mary's of the 50s was mirrored by the then general attitude towards religion in Halifax. Mayors alternated between Catholic and non-Catholic occupants of that high office; the federal constituency of Halifax was a "dual" riding: one candidate had to be a Catholic, the other a non-Catholic; some provincial constituencies - including the one in which Saint Mary's was located - were deemed to be Catholic ones, others were not; places on Nova Scotia's highest court were divided into those that were Catholic and those that were not; and, most importantly, the school system of Halifax was equally split between Catholic and non-Catholic institutions.

Football was in its early, formative days at Saint Mary's when I began university in 1955. Elmer MacGillivray, S. J., a former NHL-class hockey player with no background whatsoever in Canadian football, became coach of our junior team in a league that included two Navy teams, Shearwater and Stadacona, and the Buccaneers, a rag-tag team of toughs from the north end of Halifax. Because there was not enough talent to field a decent team using Saint Mary's students alone, the Santamarians (our pre-Huskies name) recruited non-student "ringers" to play, particularly on the offensive and defensive lines. (Most linemen played "both ways" in those simpler days: special teams and one-talent players were unheard of...)

The greatest team in Canadian football in 1956 was the Edmonton Eskimos so we adopted their playbook. We therefore had a backfield consisting of two halfbacks and two fullbacks, who played in a straight line behind the quarterback. Both ends were "tight". Compared to today's football world, our playbook was seriously simple: we did off tackle runs, off guard runs, end runs, buttonhook passes to the ends, long "Hail Mary" passes and not much else.

Amazingly, we put together a championship team and won the local Halifax crown. We then went to St. Thomas College in Newcastle, N.B., to play for the regional title. That we narrowly won, in the second overtime period, on a cow pasture-like field in a cold, driving rain. It was then on to Montreal in late October of 1956 to play the Notre Dame de Grace Maple Leafs. We were the first SMU football team ever to play for a national championship although no one was conscious of that achievement at the time. It took Santamarian Pete Fraser, years later, to bring that achievement back to the college's consciousness and to cause our 1956 team to be inducted into the Saint Mary's Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. The induction ceremony was a magical moment for those of us who had survived for more than fifty years and who made it to the event.

Thanks to the late Danny Gallivan, Sr., and the Jesuits at Loyola, the Santamarians were treated much like gods in Montreal, even though we were slumming it at the Hotel Stanley in the heart of one of Montreal's red light districts. On one evening, we went to the Montreal Forum to watch the Habs play the Chicago Black Hawks. Montreal won, even though Chicago had their "iron man", Glenn Hall, in goal. During the game, Gallivan brought us, in small groups, to the gondola from which he broadcast the games on radio. And, at the end of the game, we got to go to the Canadiens' dressing room where we met hockey greats such as Jean Beliveau, "Pocket Rocket" Richard, Jacques Plante, John Ferguson, Dickie Moore and coach Toe Blake.

On another day, we were seated on a bench beside that of the Montreal Alouettes at McGill Stadium to watch the Sam Echeverry, Hal Patterson and the Als defeat the Hamilton Tiger Cats. Unfortunately, our heady days came to an end when we met the NDG team and were crushed 56-0. Our only consolation was that some members of that triumphant team, such as defensive cornerback Joe Poirier, went on to become major stars in the CFL. (I can still remember being tackled by him.) No Santamarian of the era ever made it to that league. The other cloud hovering over our trip was the Springhill mine disaster that took place on November 1<sup>st</sup> while we were in Montreal. Although none of the team had personal connections with Springhill, many, including Kevin "Lip" MacPherson, Father MacGillivray and Pete Fraser, had mining

town roots and therefore felt the full force of the disaster more acutely than the rest of us could. When we returned from Montreal, despite our humiliating loss, the members of the football team were feted at a special dinner at which each of us was given an expensive white, knitted sweater and an athletic "M" for football. Col. Sidney Oland had quietly provided the money for the dinner and bought the sweaters which we all wore with great pride for many years.

In the summer of 1955, some of us decided to form the Saint Mary's University track team. Its members were: Ron Barnes, Leroy Heffernan, Carl Purcell, Lloyd Robinson, Jim Warner and me. Carl and Lloyd had no connection with Saint Mary's but that didn't matter. Father Michael "Buck" ODormell arranged for us to get specially designed track outfits, but that was all the cash-strapped university could give us. Miraculously, we were able to recruit Leigh Miller to be our coach. Leigh had, in 1930, held the world's 100-yard dash record of 9.6 seconds and was a superb coach.

So, for the next few summers, in those days when many small regional communities still had track and field meets, our tiny team trained during the week and then hitch-hiked each weekend to places close by in Dartmouth, still further to Antigonish for the Highland Games ... to Wolfville ... to Amherst ... even to Summerside, PEI. We entered everything, not just the track events. We put the shot, hurled the discus and tossed the javelin too. The only things we didn't do were tossing the caber or throwing the hammer at highland events. We annoyed many in the communities where we competed by winning more than our fair share of medals.

At one point, and for many years, we held the regional record for the one-mile-relay. My specialty was the 440-yard (400 metres today) run, but I never managed to break fifty seconds. Had I done so, I might have been offered an athletic scholarship to an American university. One of my opponents who did break the fifty mark, Joey Muffins of Cape Breton, was given such a scholarship and never returned to Canada. When Leroy, Ron and I graduated from Saint Mary's, the team disbanded. Ron went on to be a top Jesuit theologian; Leroy, a leading neurologist; Carl, a high school principal; Lloyd, a senior insurance executive, Jim a professor of engineering and a leading engineering consultant... and I became an international lawyer.

Because I wanted to concentrate more on my studies, I did not play either football or basketball from 1957 to 1959, much to the annoyance of Frank Baldwin. (I was a better basketball player than a football player: my main talent as a left half in football was being heavy and fast, but I was not terribly nimble as a running back.) Increasingly, I spent my extra-curricular time on the student council internally: I was the first student ever to serve on the council in all of my four years at Saint Mary's, having managed to get there during my first year by becoming president of the Science Society that I'd formed to match the Arts and Commerce Societies. Externally, I became heavily involved with both the National Federation of University Students (NFCUS) and World University Service of Canada (WUSC).

In 1958, I was selected to be the Saint Mary's representative at the WUSC summer seminar in Yugoslavia. (Ron Barnes had been the Saint Mary's student on the 1957 Ghana seminar. There, he met future prime minister, Pierre Trudeau, who was a "faculty" participant.) That summer seminar of 1958 was a life-changing event because it was on that trip that I decided, even though I had completed my pre-Med courses, to apply to Dalhousie Law School instead of the medical school. So, I entered law school in the autumn of 1959. As Dalhousie did not treat athletics the same way as Saint Mary's, I refrained from any involvement in varsity sports during my three years there. But I returned to Saint Mary's, frequently and nostalgically, to watch football and basketball practices and games.

By the time I graduated, along with seventy-eight others, in May, 1959, with my degree in science, Saint Mary's had grown exponentially. The university also had wisely hired Bob Hayes in 1958 to be university's athletic director, an historic event for athletics at the university, and the football team had been renamed the Huskies. The tradition of cultivating great football teams continued apace under Hayes, as it does to this day. And Father "Buck" O'Donnell's dream that Saint Mary's would some day become the "Notre Dame of Canada" has been achieved as much as it could be in the very different, and better-country that Canada has become since those phlegmatic 50s.

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## Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame

### Off and Running...

**Heather Harris**

Larry Uteck brought it home, but the road for the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre was a "long and winding" one.



A 1989 call from Bruce Hopkins (Athletics) and Tom McDonnell (Alumni) started the ball rolling. We met with Athletic Director, Ian McGregor to talk about not only a Hall of Fame in terms of potential inductees, but about an actual physical setting as well. We toured the Tower (now the Homburg Centre) that same day looking

at wall and floor space that could accommodate photos and perhaps a showcase or two.

I drew the short straw and set up a meeting with then university president, Dr. Kenneth Ozman, who thought the Hall of Fame was a great idea and further that it should begin as a joint project of the Departments of Athletics and Recreation and Alumni Affairs. He suggested that a historical justification would be of interest to him and, no doubt, to the Board of Governors. I should have known that once a university professor handing out assignments, always a university professor... even if you were President.

Historians have an old saying that "it's the digging that takes the time". This was a "chip away" project: the old *Collegians* and *Santamarians* were housed in the fledgling Saint Mary's Arrhiw« wpll iri fhp Alnmrii Offfirp

Susan Nattress was the next Athletic Director to become involved. There was a very interesting "storefront" style showcase at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. The current Executive Director was Saint Mary's, Alumnus David Hemming (David later became the Chair of the Hall of Fame Steering Committee). Susan encouraged everyone in Athletics to visit the Museum - and the SMU adaptation of that showcase was a first. What an exciting day when it was positioned at the top of the stairs within the Tower, now the Homburg Centre.

Furnishing *Athletic Director Emeritus*, Robert Hayes with copies of the unfolding sports story via the yearbooks was never without comment; Bob was a "come-from-away" constantly fascinated with the early days on the Windsor Street campus. Elizabeth Chard had been both my history professor and Chair of that Department when I attended Saint Mary's. She took great enjoyment in Bob turning 'teacher' on her with each new page of material that I sent to him.

Elizabeth's favorite sport was hockey, as her father used to take her to games in the old Shirley Street arena. She and Bob zeroed in on the March and April 1925 *Collegians*, which gave an account of the first Athletic Banquet, held in the old Green Lantern Building on Barrington Street to honour the hockey team - see the old photo of the Banquet entitled "In Honour of the Hockey Champions".

Another entry that caught Bob's attention was *The Collegian* of 1934. The entry read: "One of the most interesting events of the football season was the game of American football played between Saint Mary's and Dalhousie. It was the first contest of such a kind ever played in Halifax. The game took place on the Saint Mary's rugby field and proved to be exciting; the 1200 people who gathered to witness the struggle were well entertained. The game is entirely different from English rugby and is superior to that game with respect to speed, action and thrills. Dal won 13-0. The loyal *Collegian* sports writer attributed this to the Dal

team being "made up of students from the U.S. A. and they showed a great deal more knowledge of the game than the Saints".

Both of my uncles were at the game, and Bob thought it was great that he not only knew them, but others who had also witnessed the contest.

Larry Uteck's arrival was the spark required to put everything together and make the Hall a happening; his enthusiasm, backed by Dr. Ozman's, turned words and ideas into reality. The announcement of the first induction was made in August 1995 at a Metro Centre press conference.

The Steering Committee moved into high gear. Patsy Calbury remembers Larry whipping by her desk asking, "Patsy, do you want to come along and take minutes?" She accepted and has anchored us ever since! Ann Mussett, then Alumni Director, was the first Chair. Elizabeth Chard, Doug Wright, Pat Connolly, Bruce Hopkins, A1 Hollingsworth, Kathy Mullane, Larry and I divided the chores. Bob Hayes and the late Father Hennessey were the first 'Inductees'. Elizabeth looked after scrolls; Doug said he would "scrounge up memorabilia".

Pat was writing the script and program profiles. Anne was coordinating with Homecoming; Bruce and I were worked on displays; Kathy was doing the facility prep for the Tower; and A1 was setting up the media network. Kathy managed to get the Physical Plant to promise to "fix the wallpaper and ceiling leaks" as well as "fill in the two bricks that were missing from the "Buy A Brick Capital Campaign 1984 -1989" program. She also landed signage for the Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre. We got into menus, podiums, microphones, pre-game presentations, the ceremonial kick-off - it was well worth the effort. October 14, 1995 was the very first of the great days that mark the inductions for the SMU Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre. Pat Connolly summed it up best in his Daily News column: "All in all it was a day worth waiting for".

**New and Older Buildings on the Saint Mary's University Campus.**



**Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness (2012) - former Tower [FM]**



**Upgraded Centre for Teaching English as a Second Language [JC]**



**The Sobe School of Business Studies (1998) [JC]**



**Student Union Building, side facing Gorsebrook Lounge [FM]**

## The Modern Era: Varsity Sport Pioneers

This chapter of the book is dedicated to those who were considered the foundation of the modern era of varsity sport at Saint Mary's University. The Athletic Banner that was unveiled at the 2010 induction ceremony was entitled *The Tradition Began with Them* and so it did. The thirteen builders appearing on this banner were instrumental in establishing the proud athletic tradition that was carried on after the move from Windsor Street to Robie Street in 1951.

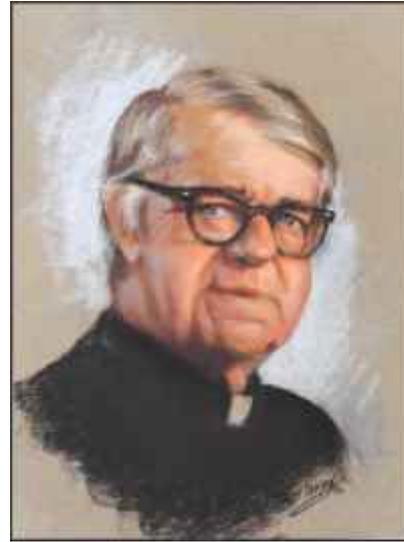
Fathers Elmer MacGillivray and Michael O'Donnell were instrumental in bringing Bob Hayes to Saint Mary's in 1958. Father J. J. Hennessey would become Bob's mentor and closest friend. So close did the bond between Bob Hayes and Father Hennessey become, that Bob wanted him to be his best man when he married Heather in 1973. Unfortunately, the "Church" prevented this from happening.

Bob Hayes, would go on to hire coaching legends Les Goodwin, Bob Boucher, Roy Clements, Kathy Mullane, Brian Heaney, A1 Keith and Larry Uteck. Elizabeth Chard would also form a strong bond with Bob and the Athletic Program. Frank Baldwin, referred to in a 1950s yearbook as "Mr. Basketball", was there to assist in the transition from the old to the new guard.

The contributions made by these champions of varsity sport at Saint Mary's University were so crucial that all have been enshrined in the University's Sport Hall of Fame. Their portraits can be viewed in the Courtside Lounge of the Tower (now the Homburg Centre) that houses the University's Sport Hall of Fame, along with the hall's other inductees.

### Father John J. Hennessey, S.J.

Few administrators in the history of Saint Mary's University played as many roles in the spiritual, academic and athletic well being of the school as the late Father John J. Hennessey, S.J. Fewer still were as admired, respected and beloved in the relatively short time he served officially from 1961 to 1972.



They were years of immense growth at Saint Mary's, in an athletic sense, from a small school with a modest enrollment to a place of distinction on the Canadian University athletic scene. Father J. J. Hennessey was without question the Huskies spiritual leader as well as their finest champion.

He was a familiar figure wherever and whenever Saint Mary's teams performed, stalking the sidelines of football stadiums, basketball courts and hockey arenas across the nation with the familiar cane; retreating frequently in the heat of the battle to a quiet place for moments of private prayer, not necessarily to ask for special privilege, but rather for the help required to take his teams as far as their talents would reasonably allow.

It was fitting and proper that upon his death in 1982, his famous cane became the property of the person who perhaps loved and appreciated Father Hennessey more than anyone else - Athletic Director, Bob Hayes. It is more than fitting that these two great men should be the first inductees into the Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre at Saint Mary's University.

## ii *Huskies, In Pursuit of Excellence*

From his honoured place in the afterlife, we have no doubt that "The Hen" looks down today with that tight smile of approval at this inaugural event to honour those who have contributed so mightily to the Saint Mary's sport tradition. His considerable modesty would preclude personal rejoicing but he would recognize these as the extensions of the Father John J. Hennessey, S.J. Medal awarded annual to the student who best represents and upholds the spirit of the university. In his own immortal words, "Love God, your fellows, and Saint Mary's."

### **Robert G. Hayes, Athletic Director Emeritus**

From his arrival at Saint Mary's in 1958 until his official retirement in May 1992, Robert G. (Bob) Hayes became an institution within the institution; the man who developed a bare bones athletic program into a model for other Canadian universities.



He did that in several ways, first by convincing the people in charge of Saint Mary's that a strong varsity athletic program, coupled with a corresponding increase in intra-mural activity, was vital to the student population in terms of personal growth and pride in their school.

Armed with a mandate to achieve excellence, while keeping one eye on the ever important budget,

Hayes tackled the job with the same degree of energy and enthusiasm that marked his distinguished football career.

The man from Perth, Ontario, the Cheese Capital of Canada, had first come to Nova Scotia in 1950 as an electrical technician with the Royal Canadian Navy and never found the time to go home. Instead, he became the greatest fullback in Maritime Football history in six brilliant seasons with the Shearwater Flyers and Stadacona Sailors before mustering out to join Saint Mary's and begin a spectacular ascent to stardom as an athletic administrator.

He surrounded himself with the best people available; installed them in their respective coaching positions; and then presided over a program of recruitment of student-athletes who combined to bring distinction after distinction, victory after victory, championship after championship to the campus of Saint Mary's - each one marked with the Bob Hayes stamp of excellence. Saint Mary's evolved from a little known school in Halifax's south end, to one of the great powers in national intercollegiate athletics; in the process, Bob Hayes became the most respected and best-liked athletic director in the country. That kind of national affection has not changed with retirement. It wasn't so when he left home, but 45 years later, Bob Hayes is finally *The Big Cheese from Perth*.

### **Elizabeth A. Chard**

Elizabeth A. Chard has been associated with Saint Mary's since 1961. She taught history throughout the 1960s and early 70s and has been the University's Registrar since 1973. For the past thirty years she has also been active as a builder in intercollegiate and disabled sport associations on a local, regional, national and international level. From her role as faculty advisor to women's athletics at Saint Mary's she served as President of the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association. She was also the first female and first



**Elizabeth A. Chard**

non-athletic director to serve as President of the Canadian University Athletic Union, a post that she held for four years. Elizabeth continued to monitor the academic performance of student-athletes in all positions she held at Saint Mary's.

In 1985 she was Assistant Chef de Mission to FISU, the World University Summer Games held in Japan and two years later was the Chef de Mission for the Games held in Yugoslavia. She co-chaired the Summer Games

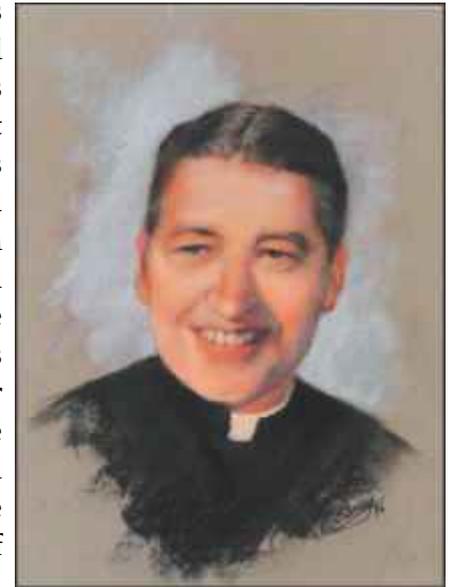
Organizing Committee for the Nova Scotia Special Olympics for over a decade and co-chaired Nova Scotia's successful bid to host the 1994 National Special Olympic Summer Games. She helped organize the Pan-American Wheelchair Games in 1982 and was co-chair of the 1983 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships. Elizabeth continues to serve the athletic community in various capacities and in 1998 she was inducted as a member of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

Her three decades of service to athletics have earned Elizabeth A. Chard induction to the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame in the Builder category.

### **Father John J. Hennessey, S.J.**

The great athletic successes of Saint Mary's University athletes and teams over the last thirty years can be directly traced to the early inspirations and dedication of Father Michael (Buck) O'Donnell, S.J.; the legendary padre of many hats within the University. Father O'Donnell served as Professor of English, Latin and Theology; Dean of Men; alumni Moderator; and Director of Athletics, the latter which was most dear to him.

He presided over what was initially a mostly intra-mural program and directed its growth into one of the strongest university athletic powers in the nation. He believed implicitly in the correlation of fine athletes and good students, which has become the hallmark of Saint Mary's successes. Under Father O'Donnell's direction, the athletic program developed correspondingly with the growth and development of the University.

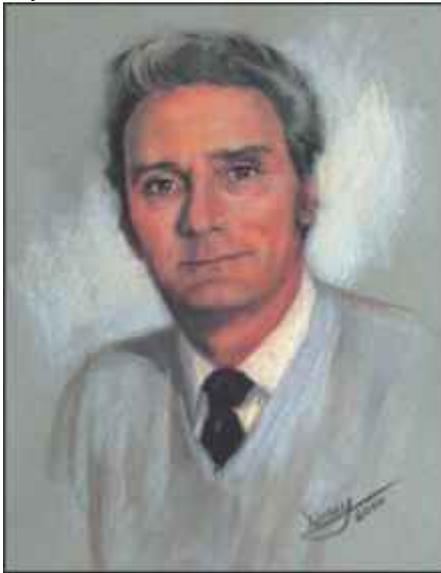


**Fr. Michael O'Donnell, S.J.**

### **Roy Clements**

A native of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire (UK), Roy Clements was a seasoned pioneer of the Maritime soccer scene when he arrived to coach at Saint Mary's in 1964. Having already guided teams to numerous Atlantic Senior and Maritime Command Championships, he made his presence felt immediately and

moulded his first team into AUAA Champions in 1963 and 1966. Roy initiated Junior Olympic Soccer Clinics and indoor tournaments as his soccer Huskies flourished. He was named AUAA Coach-of-the-Year in 1978 and 1981 after leading his teams to three more league championships, two AUAA Championships and a silver medal as Eastern Canadian CIAU Champions in 1979. Roy is, perhaps, the only coach to have led his team into the Canadian finals in three separate categories of competition: the Armed Forces, the Senior League and the Collegiate.



**Roy Clements, 2000**  
*Coach Emeritus, 2005*

For over fifty years Roy Clements has been a valued and enthusiastic administrator who has played a major role in fostering the popularity, success and enormous growth of soccer in Nova Scotia.

Roy's commitment has not gone unnoticed. He has been honoured by Soccer Nova Scotia, the cities of Halifax, Dartmouth and the Province of Nova Scotia. In 1983 Roy was the recipient of the AUAA Board of Directors' Award for contributions to University soccer and he has received a Gold "M" from the Saint Mary's Student Body - twice!

This graduate of the Rolls-Royce Company has also crafted the legacy of attractive trophies and plaques, which recognize excellence and many of those adorn the Homburg Centre second floor today.

### **Leslie K. Goodwin**

Les Goodwin came to Saint Mary's University at age 56 with the reputation of being one of the 'winningest' high school coaches in the United States.

For over 35 years, Les had been a teacher of Kinesiology and Physical Education as well as coach of football, baseball and basketball in New Jersey's high school system and at Panzer College, now part of New Jersey State University.

In 1963, Les answered an advertisement placed by Saint Mary's in an American sports The Journal. Accompanied by wife, Billie and son, Tom (later to become a student at SMU) Les moved to Canada to fill the positions of basketball coach, assistant football coach, along with other duties including intra-mural coordinator at Saint Mary's University. He brought with him, not only his coaching talents, but the wisdom of his experience and the benefit of his extensive contacts to Saint Mary's young staff in the Athletics and Recreation Department.

During Coach Goodwin's tenure (1963 to 1972), the basketball program flourished. To quote former player, the Reverend A1 Brown - 'From 1966-70 the basketball team won over 75% of their games ... No team in the league had a better record than SMU during those years'. He was also the first basketball coach to win the Atlantic Canada championship (now the AUS). In addition, his team was ranked No. 2 in the nation in 1969.



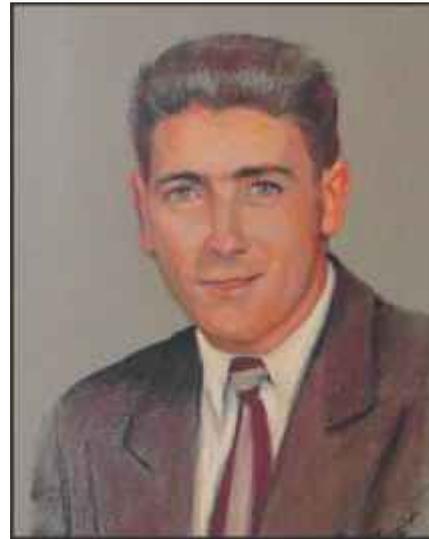
Les won the admiration of the North American athletic world in a less sophisticated time, when one person was often responsible for more than one team sport. His coaching record, his commitment to youth through camps and clinics, and his talent as raconteur were legendary. Few know that he raised and showed championship rabbits... that he loved sports fishing ... that he played piano and trumpet well enough to perform with the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra.

Leslie K. Goodwin, "Renaissance Man"

### **Elmer MacGillivray. S.J.**

Elmer was a compact parcel of energy and honesty with natural athletic ability, a pioneer in the evolution of Saint Mary's into the ranks of contending teams on the Atlantic college sports landscape. The year was 1944 when Elmer MacGillivray arrived from his native Reserve Mines, Cape Breton as a boarder at the original Saint Mary's High School, among the first student-athletes who would contribute so generously to the development of maroon and white teams over the last half of the 20th century.

He wasn't very big, only about 5'10" and 170 lbs., but he played a game that was six inches taller and fifty pounds heavier. He played them with a purpose and passion, which more than compensated for any other shortcomings, and he played them with the indelible stamp of a Santamarian, because no-one loved Saint Mary's more than Elmer MacGillivray. Above all else, he was a leader and the evidence came early, playing on three teams and winning two championships with Saint Mary's: the city high school football champions and the Maritime juvenile hockey title. By 1945, MacGillivray's Santamarians won the city school hockey title they had lost to St. Paf's the year before, and the provincial crown in a win over Glace Bay. In 1946, Elmer divided his winter season between Saint Mary's intercollegiate and Winter Gardens junior hockey teams who repeated as



**Elmer MacGillivray. S.J.**

Maritime Champions, sparked by the famous line of Bert Hirschfeld, Hughie Campbell and MacGillivray along with that great defenceman, Dugger MacNeil. In 1948, still a student, he helped Saint Mary's make it four in a row as Maritime junior champions and then played an important role as the Halifax Capitols won the Maritime senior baseball title. The following year he helped Halifax St. Mary's hockey seniors win the Big Four title. It should be remembered that St. Mar/s junior and senior

hockey teams were not university-sponsored teams, yet the public never seemed to separate the two and Elmer's presence outside campus always reflected positively on the school.

After graduation, Elmer pursued higher callings in the religious and education fields, counting among his Ontario-based students the current Saint Mary's Athletic Director, Larry Uteck, who must have been influenced early by Elmer's glad tidings from the east coast. Returning to Saint Mary's as a teacher in the late 195(7)s, Elmer took over the school football program and led his teams to two consecutive Maritime High School Championships.

As a student-athlete for five years and teacher/coach for three more at Saint Mary's, Elmer MacGillivray was a role model for perseverance and courage - the little guy from Reserve Mines who came to Saint Mary's as a boy in 1944 for the beginning of what has been a life-long love affair with his *alma mater*. In the intervening years, his love and affection for this school has only increased, in concert with the inspiration he has provided to so many others to find their rightful places in the games they play.

**Frank Baldwin**

To anyone who knows the sport in Nova Scotia, "Mr. Basketball", as he is affectionately known, has enjoyed a distinguished career as a coach and administrator. He founded the Saint Mary's Basketball Huskies and set them on the path of excellence. He is still to be seen around the basketball court at The Tower at Saint Mary's, offering the benefit of his unmatched experience to both coaches and young players.



His first coaching role in 1939 was with the Oxford Junior High School team, and in 1950 he coached the Queen Elizabeth High School team to the Canadian Juvenile Championship.

Mr. Baldwin first came to Saint Mary's in 1952 as the manager of the University's bookstore and canteen. At the same time he began coaching the men's basketball team and remained with it until 1962 when he became the recreational director of the Canadian Martyrs Church in Halifax.

Throughout the '70s he continued to coach at both the provincial and national levels. His service to the game has brought him many honours, including induction into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame in 1979. He was co-founder of the Halifax Juvenile Boys Basketball League, and from 1972 until his retirement fourteen years later he was the basketball coordinator at Sport Nova Scotia.

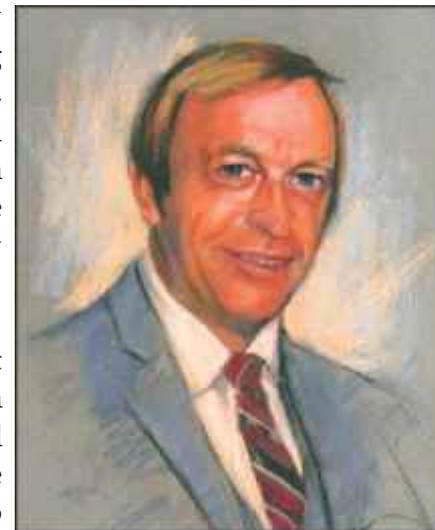
The success of Frank Baldwin's career has been based not only on his love of basketball, but on his love for people. "People have always been my priority", he said in an interview a few years ago. At the same time when asked to recall the highlight of his career, he replied in typical fashion: "Every day was a highlight". In May 1991, Saint Mary's conferred an honorary degree, Doctor of Civil Law (DCL) on Mr. Baldwin, which appropriately made him "Dr. Basketball".

**Bob Boucher**

As the coach of the Saint Mary's intercollegiate hockey team for 13 years, Bob Boucher compiled an astounding record of 231 wins, 33 losses and four ties and led the Huskies to the National Championship game in four consecutive seasons from 1970 to 1973.

Boucher came from an illustrious hockey family with connections to numerous NHL teams. A star junior player with the Memorial Cup in 1957 and with the Toronto Saint Michaels, an eye injury precluded a promising NHL career. Nevertheless, he went on to play senior and semi-professional hockey in Europe and Canada before being lured to Saint Mary's by Athletic Director, Bob Hayes.

He revived hockey at Saint Mary's, which had been without a team for several years. He also started the Saint Mary's Hockey Camp



of Champions, a summer program for minor hockey players. He left Saint Mary's in 1982 to be an assistant coach with his former teammate, Pat Quinn, of the Philadelphia Flyers. Hired specifically to improve the Flyer's power play, which had been the worst in the League the previous year. In one season, under Boucher's able leadership, the Flyers' power play became the best in the League. He subsequently coached junior and senior teams in Ontario and Nova Scotia.

Bob Boucher's no-nonsense coaching style helped foster a winning tradition at Saint Mary's. A former player noted that Boucher was "known as a strategist and a motivator who always got the most out of his players, game in and game out". His expertise in recognizing exceptional minor hockey talent was continuously called upon by professional coaches.

### **Kathy Mullane**

Kathy Mullane was a dedicated and talented young Halifax athlete who combined education, opportunity and ambition to become one of the most accomplished and respected builders of sport in this province. In 1966 this accomplished athlete from Saint Patrick's High School enrolled at Dalhousie University where she starred in field hockey and basketball and earned a Bachelor of Physical Education Degree and, in 1969, an MBA Degree from Saint Mary's University in 1989. As a high school coach and teacher, Kathy led her teams to Metro Juvenile and Provincial Championships.

In 1973 Athletic Director Bob Hayes initiated a new era on campus when he hired Saint Mary's University's first female coach, Kathy Mullane, to direct women's athletics. Within a year Kathy led the field hockey and basketball teams to full status at the varsity level, and subsequently led them to four AUAA titles.



**Kathy Mullane**

This 1976 AUAA Basketball Coach-of-the-Year developed programs in recreation and fitness for thousands of members of this University. A valued coach in Canada Games Basketball and Field Hockey, Kathy has played or coached in five Canada Games, organized the National Women's Field Hockey Championship and numerous Nova Scotia and Atlantic Open Squash Tournaments. She received the Sport Nova Scotia Outstanding Volunteer Award in 1996 and was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 1998.

A true Santamarian, Kathy always stepped up when required, and was Acting Athletic Director on two occasions.

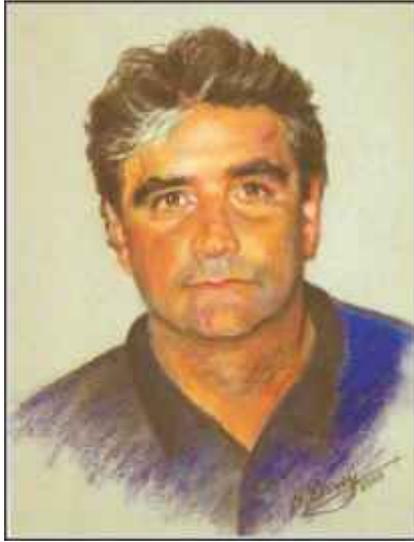
### **Larry Uteck**

Director of Athletics at Saint Mary's University, politician, CFL All-Star. Born October 9, 1952, in Toronto; died December 25, 2002, in Halifax, of ALS, aged 50.

When Governor General Adrienne Clarkson pinned the Order of Canada on Larry Uteck's lapel in Halifax last October, there was a spontaneous standing ovation. The man in the wheelchair, silenced and paralyzed by disease, had won the city's heart

Growing up in Thornhill and Willowdale, Ont., Larry was part Tom Sawyer, part Huck Finn; mischievous, competitive, and profoundly resistant to being told what to do. He knew the joy and the pain of being adored and betrayed.

Larry was a talented athlete, but an injured Achilles tendon ended his hopes of playing hockey seriously. He attended the Jesuit school, Brebeuf Collegiate, but his prickly resistance to authority resulted in the principal telling his mother every year to find another school for him. Every year, she prevailed and Larry stayed.



**Larry Uteck**

He had a continuing affection for waifs and strays, the marginal and the eccentric. He loved football, and played with reckless intensity, but hated being defined as just an athlete; he was much more as his later life would demonstrate.

Larry went to the University of Colorado on scholarship, but insisted on taking East Asian Studies, and was furious when he was told he couldn't study Chinese because it conflicted with football practice.

He attended Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont., for a year before being drafted by the Toronto Argonauts - but after his first season, traveled through still-war-torn Vietnam and Cambodia, taking extraordinary risks, collecting amazing stories and lifelong friends.

Larry's career in the Canadian Football League was defined by his physical courage. He was a punishing tackler - it was unnerving to see him straighten out his helmet afterwards, as if his neck had been unhooked - as well as a self-destructively determined punt returner.

However, he paid the price. After five years in Toronto, he was traded to Montreal (where his interception and touchdown took the Alouettes to the Grey Cup in 1978), and then, as his body deteriorated, to British Columbia and finally to Ottawa.

After his football career ended, it took him a while to acknowledge how much he loved the game. In 1982, he was hired as an assistant-coach at Saint Mary's University and moved to Halifax, where he fell in love with the city, then with Sue Maloney (whom he married in 1989), and their two children Luke and Cain.

He became head coach in 1983, taking the team to the Vanier Cup three times. He saw a world beyond the football field; he was as proud of David Sykes winning a *Rhodes Scholarship* as he was of the players who went on to play professionally.

In 1994, he ran for Halifax City Council and was elected, and in 1998 became deputy-mayor. He was as hardworking and as candid as a politician as he was as a coach. In December 1997, Russell McLellan, then Liberal Premier of Nova Scotia, tried hard to persuade him to be a candidate. Tempted, Larry said, "I just can't."

He was already feeling the first symptoms of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS); it was the beginning of a five-year decline and an extraordinary demonstration of grace, wit and courage. As he wrote to his young daughter Cain, 'I had a long, active, and productive life as a caterpillar. Now I am more quiet and restful, kind of like living in a cocoon. I don't know how or when or even why, but when this stage is over I will be a butterfly. Won't that be something, your Dad the butterfly.'

At his instruction, the Bob Dylan song "I Shall Be Released" was played at his memorial service at the Saint Mary's Basilica in Halifax, where 1,500 people came to say goodbye."

Written by Graham Fraser, *The Globe and Mail* (Thursday, June 5, 2003).

## A1 Keith

This inductee divides his life at Saint Mary's University (1962 to 1995) into four distinct periods as a result of which he is being inducted today as both an athlete and as a builder.



### **Life I: a double varsity athlete and a student (1962-1965).**

Considering himself as a hard-hitting defenseman 'who logged a lot of ice time', A1 served as an Assistant-Captain, then Captain, for the Varsity Hockey team. However, it is in the sport of football that this inductee really shone. He was a two-way player and was on all specialty teams for three years. He was extremely versatile, playing flanker, defensive back, punter, punt and

kick-off returns and held the ball for converts and field goals. Indeed, he recently remarked that he 'kinda never got off the field and was usually quite tired by the time the game was over'. The year 1964 was a stellar one for the Football Huskies under Captain A1 Keith. His game winning point against Saint Francis Xavier University ended the latter's seven-year undefeated record. In addition, he scored the winning touchdown in Saint Mary's University's first Atlantic Bowl appearance. It is, therefore, not surprising that he was chosen an all-star both offensively and defensively. Although he was a second round draft choice of the Ottawa Roughriders, he opted instead to further his own education.

### **Life II: coaching (1969 - 1975).**

From assisting Coach Bob Hayes in 1969 to becoming the Head Coach from 1970 to 1975, he amassed a league record of thirty-seven (37) wins against only two losses. His teams appeared four times in the Atlantic Bowl with one victory, and twice in the College Bowl (currently known as the Vanier Cup). He was always prepared to boast that the AUAA was the one conference with only four years of eligibility and hence, when his 1973 Huskies won the Nationals, they were the only team with four years' eligibility to do so.

### **Life III - Head Coach (1979-1983) and Acting Athletic Director (1980).**

A1 was a founding member of the VII Pan American Wheelchair Games Committee, which successfully bid for Halifax to host these games to be staged in 1982. This was a catalyst that enabled the Government of Canada to assist with the building of the synthetic track and the playing field. Those led, in turn, to the Province of Nova Scotia's heavy involvement with the construction of The Tower. It also marked the beginning of Saint Mary's University's ongoing support for the physically challenged members of our community.

### **Life IV: Assistant Coach (1986-1995).**

In 1986, A1 returned to the Saint Mary's University campus as assistant to head coach, Larry Uteck.

Later he would become is a well-known councilor in the Town of Shelburne, as well as the owner of a bed and breakfast establishment in that town.

Unfortunately A1 Keith died unexpectedly, but peacefully, at the Halifax Infirmary (QEII) on July 28, 2008 [Ed.].

**Brian Heaney**

Any effort to capture the essence of Brian Heaney in a few short paragraphs from an extended list of accomplishments can be akin to trying to capture lightning in a bottle; destined to fail. So where do we begin the short synopsis from such a resume of accomplishments at Saint Mary's as a coach, manager and promoter? Perhaps by tracing his path of arrival, from all-star player status with arch rival Acadia Axemen out of Bishop Loughlin High School

in Brooklyn, N.Y. in the late 1960's to a professional career as the first Canadian-trained player to play in the NBA with the Baltimore Bullets in 1970, followed by his appointment as head coach of the Huskies in 1971.

With the Axemen he had one of the greatest playing careers in Canadian college basketball history, earning All-Canadian honours, winning a National championship and scoring a record-shattering 74 points in one game. That is a record that has gone unchallenged. But it was as a coach who championed the game across the province with imaginative ideas and unique promotional skills that Heaney realized some of his greatest moments at Saint Mary's. He took the Huskies outside to rural communities to practice and raise awareness of the university and the image of the game. In 1971 you could count on one hand the number of outdoor hoops in the city, but Heaney's influences led directly to today's levels of participation.

Heaney built the Huskies program carefully and quickly and by spring 1973 delivered Saint Mary's first ever national championship while being chosen by his peers across the nation as CIAU Coach-of-the-Year. He also became the first to win a national title as both player and coach. In 1974 the Huskies again went to the national final and he took a leave of absence in 1975 to coach Canada's National Women's team and in 1976 took that team to the Olympic Games in Montreal. By the 1977-78 season Brian was back at Saint Mary's and the Huskies marched to their second national crown by defeating Acadia before a record 11,000 fans at the brand new Halifax Metro Centre, a crowd drawn largely through Heaney's promotional wizardry. It was the crowd that established Halifax's self-proclaimed status as the basketball capital of Canada. In 1978-79 the Huskies won again in Calgary for their third national title.

Heaney is currently one of Canada's top NBA and CIS broadcasters, and a leading insurance executive in Toronto where he resides with wife Leanne (Hines) of Halifax, but his SMU presence lives on. In 2002 he was Honorary Chairman of the CIS Men's Basketball Championships and continues to keep in touch with prize recruit Ross Quackenbush, the current head coach of the Huskies men's team, as well as other members of that 1970s' dynasty. Many of Brian's proteges continue to contribute to the game in minor leagues and other basketball roles, including Peter Halpin, Grieg Redding, Bob Tabosky, Fred Perry, Mickey Fox, John Gallinaugh, Lee Thomas, "Taps" Gallagher, Terry O'Neil, Peter MacAllister... and team manager John Landry.

Brian Heaney is warmly welcomed home today as a most worthy 2005 Inductee into the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame.

## Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre: Individual Inductees

The "*Pioneers*" inducted into the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame & heritage Centre are located in the previous section of this book. What follows are the remaining inductees presented in the order in which they were inducted into this prestigious hall. This section details the thirty-three (33) individual inductees, both athletes and builders. The section that follows contains the nine (9) teams also voted into membership in the Sport Hall of Fame.

### Robert (Bob) Lahey (1996)



A native of Portland, Maine, Robert (Bob) Lahey came to Saint Mary's in the fall of 1958 to begin a student-athlete career that would establish him as one of the most prolific athletes in the history of this University.

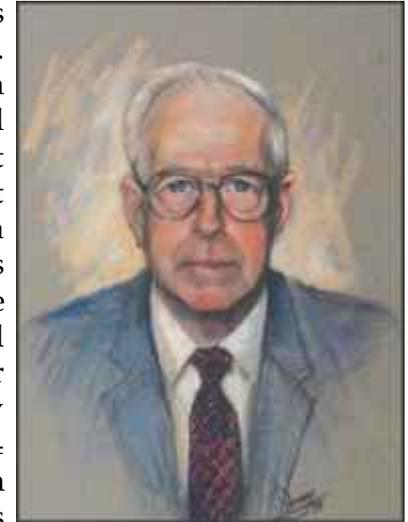
A fine student and keen athletic competitor, Bob went on to win national recognition by virtually rewriting the CIAU basketball records of the time. One of his most memorable achievements was setting a single game scoring

record of 60 points. His consummate skills and dedication earned him the honour of being named the top basketball player in the country by the Canadian Intercollegiate News.

After a distinguished career as athletics director at Old town Main High School from 1972 until his death in 1994, Bob Lahey left a legacy of performance in life that will remain deeply rooted at Saint Mary's University.

### Jim Pineo (1998)

Jim Pineo came to Saint Mary's in 1940 as a Commerce student. His net minding achievements in the Halifax Senior High School League followed him to Saint Mary's. During his four years at Saint Mary's, "Rupe" Pineo set a high standard of goaltending as a member of the intercollegiate team, as well as with the original Halifax Canadians (a local junior team that won seven Halifax City Junior League titles between 1934



-1943, as well as Maritime titles in 1928 and 1942) and the Crescents of the Halifax City Senior League. He excelled with all three teams, and during his last three years at Saint Mary's, was the team's captain. With the Junior Canadians, he was selected by the sports writers as a member of the Eastern Canadian All-Star team.

Jim's talent was recognized by NHL scouts and in 1944 he attended the Boston Bruins training camp. He played briefly with a Bruin farm team but soon returned to Nova Scotia for a few more years of senior hockey while working as a salesman for Canada Packers. A hockey observer in 1944 noted that: "Nobody can truthfully say that Pineo ever had a bad game, mainly because his type of defensive play is not sloppy, but steady, dependable, and spectacular

### Bob Warner (1999)

A native of Grimsby, Ontario, Bob Warner came to Saint Mary's in 1970 after a two year stint with the Ottawa 67's of the Ontario Hockey League and a year of professional hockey with the Johnstown Jets. For four years Bob was known as

"the backbone, blood and guts of the Huskies' defense", serving as an assistant captain in his second season, and was



**Bob Warner**

team captain in his third and fourth years. In three consecutive years he led the Huskies to the national championship game and, although they fell short of the national title, they set the standard against which all future Saint Mary's hockey teams have to be measured.

His strong skating and efficient puck handling, combined with his hard-hitting style, resulted in his selection as a league All-Star three times and in 1973-74 he was selected as an All Canadian.

Following graduation in 1975 he joined the Toronto Maple Leafs organization and played in the 1975 Stanley Cup playoffs. Before retiring in 1980 he played in both the Central Hockey League (Oklahoma City and Dallas) and the American Hockey League, finishing his career in Moncton.

### **Mickey Fox (2000)**

The name Mickey Fox is synonymous with basketball at Saint Mary's. A native of Forest Hills, New York, this recruit of Coach Brian Heaney arrived on campus in 1971. The following year Mickey's leadership and offensive ability sparked a collection of eager but inexperienced players to Saint Mary's first ever national title; the 1972-73 OAU Basketball Championship. Mickey was honored

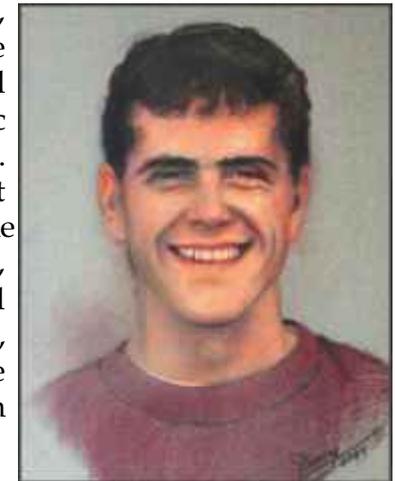


for his achievements with the Varsity Team when he was named Saint Mary's Athlete-of-the-Year in 1973. Between 1972 and 1976 Mickey was chosen five times as an AUAA All-Star and four times as an All Canadian. Mickey was drafted by the Detroit Pistons in 1975 and by the Portland Trailblazers in 1979.

A former coach of the Saint Mary's women's team, in 1992 he became Head Coach of Halifax's first professional basketball team, the Windjammers. A teacher at Rockingstone Heights Junior High School, Mickey's successes and broad experiences in basketball have combined with his exceptional reputation as an athlete and as an individual to make him a leading player in the education of youth in this province.

### **Chris Flynn (2001)**

From 1987 to 1990 was, arguably, the most dynamic chapter in the history of Saint Mary's football and, by extension, the Atlantic Universities Football Conference. It was the Chris Flynn era at Saint Mary's and the pivotal figure at the center of excitement was a 6'- 2", 190 pound package of talent and imagination out of Buckingham, Quebec who would become the most dominant football player in the QAU for four years.



He was the eminence grise among Canadian college quarterbacks; the guy who could do it all mechanically, yet through an intuitive art of improvisation had an uncanny ability to call the right play in any given situation. As a freshman out of Bishop's college, a prep school in Sherbrooke, he performed mostly under directions from the bench. But it didn't take

Head Coach Larry Uteck long to realize this was a young man of rare gifts and an analytical mind. The sight of Chris Flynn scrambling in the backfield, warding off defenders and controlling the play until he uncovered his receiver was a sight that fans will forever cherish in the career of an exceptional athlete.

### Angelo Santucci (2001)

Angelo Santucci joined the Football I Huskies in 1971 and became an I immediate impact player as a I running back, superb blocker I and timely contributor to special I teams. After one particularly hard I fought win, Coach Al Keith said, I "He kept us in the game. When I we really needed to keep the ball, I we could always count on him." I Chosen AUA Rookie-of-the-Year I and first team All-Star, Santucci I encored with an electrifying 105-I yard punt return in his Atlantic

Bowl debut. In 1972, after a solid start, "The Sophomore Sensation" was sidelined with a serious leg injury. He and his teammates returned with a vengeance the following year. After an impressive regular season, Santucci rushed for 186 yards in leading the Huskies to the AUA title.

Following a breathtaking 19-17 upset win over Laurier at Huskies Stadium, team captain Santucci led the Huskies into C. N. E. stadium to face McGill. Huge efforts by the Huskies' defense and Ken Clark's trusty toe were rewarded when Santucci, Saint Mary's number one running back, raced into the end zone to wrap up the game and the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union Championship. AUA leading rusher, All-Star, and MVP, Santucci was especially appreciated for the colour, character, durability and the intangibles he brought to his team.

After leaving Saint Mary's, Angelo's career took him to the CFL where he played for 10 years. Angelo was a rookie nominee in 1975 with the Hamilton Tiger Cats and Canadian of the Game in the Grey Cup of 1978. As a member of the Edmonton Eskimos, he was inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame in 1998 for winning five (5) Grey Cups in a row and was re-inducted in May of 2000 as a member of the "Team of the Century".

### Frank Archambault (2002)

The 1964 Huskies Football Team, although slight of numbers, was blessed with some very talented athletes, including tackle Frank "Arch" Archambault, who is the only player from the Atlantic conference ever selected All Canadian on offense and defense in the same year.

The Hall of Fame Huskies captured the prestigious Atlantic Bowl championship that fall turning back McMaster Marauders 15-1 before 4,000 college football fans on a soggy Wanderers Grounds in Halifax. It was the fifth win for an Atlantic conference team in six years in the Atlantic Bowl and Saint Mary's first.



Linemen don't often get headlines for their work in the trenches. However, the "ferocious four" in the Huskies' front line of Archambault, Pete Grant, Stu MacDonald and Bob Johnston "turned in their strongest defensive performance of the season" helping to hold McMaster to 65 yards total rushing and minus 15 yards passing. But this wasn't a one-game season and the stars for Saint Mary's were many. It took a solid team effort to put up wins like 73-20 over Mount Allison, 49-0 over UNB, and 27-0 over Shearwater Flyers in the nine-team league.

After a 0-2 start the Huskies outscored their opponents 258-0 in a 6-0 stretch. It was also the season of the "Upset" when the Huskies ended Saint Francis Xavier's 47-game winning streak. The offense was potent, but the defense was awesome.

Archambault was a key to that team playing both ways at tackle. At season's end he was selected first team All Canadian at offensive tackle and second team All Canadian at defensive tackle, an unbelievable accomplishment in just his second season. He was called the "Big Man" and was indeed that by 1964 standards at 275 pounds. Archambault was first team All Conference at both positions. One of the last of the "60-minute men" Archambault says the players didn't know the difference then, "Most of us played both ways in high school, so this wasn't anything different. We had fun."

But the key for Archambault was the scheme of defense designed by Coach Bob Hayes. "The defense was broken up into two and three man units. It was very confusing for the offense. They couldn't predict what we were going to do. We wanted to win because of Hayes. He was never satisfied with just a win. There was always something we could do better. You didn't want to face him Monday after a loss." Besides playing football, this '68 graduate also excelled in track and field.

Archambault is Vice-President of Norlite Corporation in Cohoes, New York, and has raised four children, all university graduates, with the aid of his wife, Diana, of more than 36 years. Arch and Diana also have six grandchildren. He continues to be a loyal alumnus.

### **Harold Beazley (2002)**

Harold "Babe" Beazley is credited with laying the foundation in the 1940s upon which Saint Mary's modern hockey success story has been built.

A 1936 graduate of Saint Mary's College, Beazley returned that fall and joined the Commerce faculty. He taught commerce,



**Harold Beazley**

and Saint Mary's High in Halifax, took the reins of the hockey team at Saint Mary's College. These were the war years and a challenge for Beazley to put together contending teams. "Babe's Boys" competed in the City Intercollegiate League against Dalhousie and Tech as well as the C.O.T.C. league winning city and provincial titles in their "Big M" uniforms.

While there were many highly contested battles played in Halifax, some of the more titanic struggles were waged against Acadia and Saint Francis Xavier. In particular were the provincial intercollegiate playoffs in 1942 when Saint Mary's tripped Saint Francis in a two-game total goal series and then went on to take Acadia 12-11 in the final, all before packed houses. It was the first title for Saint Mary's in 11 years. Many more city and provincial titles followed.

For all the great wins and tragic losses, Coach Beazley shared his commitment to his players as Mike Greene wrote in his *The Journal* column in 1941, "And then came the memorable day

and business administration until his retirement in 1978 after serving as Dean of Commerce and on the board of studies, committee of admissions, Senate, Board of Governors, curriculum and executive committees, as well as the committee on academic planning. He was honoured with the designation *Dean Emeritus* in 1979.

of the Antigonish trip - Feb. 19, 1941. That's a day for every Saint Mary's student to remember, because on that day we, and particularly the team, showed our ability to 'take it, and in large doses, too. We went up there with hopes of a hockey championship making the long journey shorter, and came back with something far more valuable to us all, the knowledge that our student body is built on a strong foundation."

In the dressing room following the provincial loss to Saint Francis Xavier, "Coach Beazley wore a terribly stricken look that had no source in championships or titles, and he went from one to another incessantly, pride and sympathy both struggling for expression." This too is a quality of a great builder.

Although he passed away in 1990, his memory lives on in the Beazley Trust used annually to fund the University Gold Medal for highest standing in the MBA programme.

### **Dianne Chiasson (2002)**

This Auburn, NS native was a two-sport star at Saint Mary's University in the late 1970s and early 1980s excelling in both basketball and field hockey.

She was Saint Mary's Female Rookie-of-the-Year in 1978 as well as MVP of the basketball team. The following two years she was selected Female Athlete-of-the-Year and again Athlete-of-the-Year in 1981. She was selected All-Conference on numerous



occasions for both field hockey and basketball and received All-Canadian honours. At one point she had scored thirteen goals in eleven games for the field hockey team and led the league and was also leading scorer and rebounder for the basketball team.

While her athletic prowess is legend at Saint Mary's, her academic achievements have been an inspiration to others as well. She earned a full academic scholarship each year at Saint Mary's, accumulating fourteen A's in fifteen courses and was interviewed for a Rhodes Scholarship. In her spare time she filled two spots on University Senate committees and helped out in the Art Gallery. As a volunteer Dianne has worked with Nova Scotia Special Olympics, Jazz Festival, East Coast Music Awards and Support Services Group Cooperative Services.

Professor Edward McBride, former professor of political science at Saint Mary's, put Chiasson's success this way in an article in the *Chronicle Herald* when he remarked that, "Success results from character imparting discipline to talent. Dianne Chiasson has all those credentials for success. Her talent makes her one of the best athletes Saint Mary's has produced and her talent makes her one of the best students. But most importantly, her character makes her combine her talents through self-discipline, so that she excels in two different fields at once."

Dianne was always able to keep things in perspective during her career at Saint Mary's when she was quoted as saying, "Academics come first and athletics is a bonus on top. When I feel I cannot handle both, I will drop athletics." It never happened.

Chiasson took up marathon running three years ago competing in the Valley and Ottawa races where she qualified for and ran the Boston Marathon in 2001.

**Mike Hornby (2002)**

Following a highly successful minor hockey career, Mike played with the now famous Halifax Junior Canadiens while attending Saint Mary's in pursuit of a Commerce degree.



Saint Mary's iced a team for the first time in five years in 1967 after athletic director Bob Hayes, through the Montreal Canadiens Sam Pollack, secured the services of professional Bob Boucher as coach. Hornby, having used up his junior eligibility, made the move to the collegiate ranks with authority. He led the Maritime Intercollegiate League in scoring, while smashing the all-time assists record in what was one of the most interesting scoring races in Maritime history.

Clement "Chi Chi" Feranzena, Saint Francis Xavier's sensational scoring senior erupted for three goals and eleven (11) assists in two games to land just one point behind league leading Hornby, each with a game to go in the regular season of the eight-team loop. Hornby scored a goal and three assists in his final game as the Huskies held off Mount Allison 6-5 while the next night Feranzena picked up two assists for a season total of forty-seven (47) just three behind Hornby.

Coach Boucher classed Hornby as a "brainy play-making centre" with some great scorers around him in the likes of Rod Bossy, Brian O'Byrne, Bobby Woods and Greg Gordon who all finished in the top ten scoring that season. Hornby was named Saint Mary's Athlete-of-the-Year in 1968 and was awarded a "Gold M". Upon graduation he continued

his hockey career with the New York Rangers farm club, the New Haven Blades in the Eastern Hockey League. He led his team in scoring two years in a row, scoring 101 and 129 points including forty-six (46) goals in year two, was named Rookie-of-the-Year for the Blades, was second in league scoring his second year, made the All-Star team, and won a Northern Division title.

He moved on to the Saginaw Gears in the International Hockey League (IHL) playing for the Minnesota North Stars farm club for two years where his prolific scoring touch earned him All-Star honors as he once again was one of the top scorers on the team and in the league. Mike attended four NHL training camps during his professional hockey career. He returned to Halifax and completed his studies, earning a chartered accountancy designation in 1975. Mike has been a practicing chartered accountant in the HRM ever since and is a partner with Hornby Tinkham Marshall, Chartered Accountants.

His athletic prowess also includes a passion for golf and running, having completed two marathons. Mike has also given back to his community generously as evidenced by his involvement in the following organizations: Coaching minor hockey, serving on the Board of Directors and the Alumni Association at SMU, serving on the Board of Directors of many non-profit organizations including Brightwood Golf and Country Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Dartmouth General Hospital Charitable Foundation.

This rare combination of athletic ability and community spirit is an inspiration to fellow Santamarians. Mike lives in Dartmouth with his wife Lyndell. They have two children, Mark, a SMU Alumnus, and daughter, Lise.

**Greg McClare (2003)**

This alumnus was a perfect role model of what "student-athlete" should be - both while at Saint Mary's University and for the rest of his life.



After attending Saint Mary's High School (1954 - 1956), he enrolled at the University, graduating in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Two years later, he received a Masters degree from the Maritime School of Social Work. Employment opportunities then took him to the Toronto Board of Education where he continued his education on a part-time basis at the University of Toronto, graduating in 1983 with a Masters degree in Education Administration. He completed his formal education at the University of Wales from whence he obtained his Doctorate in Education.

In 1999 he retired from the Board of Education and assumed a part-time position with the Toronto Catholic Charities Organization. His volunteer work netted him a Citation from Cardinal Aloysius Abrozic for his "Outstanding Generosity to People in Need".

When he returned to Nova Scotia, he again involved himself significantly with a number of community organizations, including the Metro Community Housing Authority, the Metro United Way, and his Parish Council, to mention but three.

While a student at Saint Mary's University he was awarded a "Gold M" for outstanding extra-curricular activities; also the University's "Athletic M"; and several MVP awards for

football. Greg's contribution as a fullback for the football team is unequalled, playing junior football until the Bluenose League folded in the late 50's after three consecutive years in which Saint Mary's University was Maritime Champions. In both 1955 and 1956 he was runner-up for the scoring title which he won in 1957. In 1958 and 1959, he played with the Intercollegiate Football League capturing MVP honors in the latter year. While there are no records of the number of touchdowns he scored over many years, there is little doubt this long-time "Huskie" would have outdistanced all other past players by far as the Saint Mary's Scrapbook 1954 to 1961 article on him attests.

One of his sons, Dale, (Bachelor of Arts, 1986) carried on his father's tradition of being an outstanding football "Huskie".

Greg passed away in the late spring of 2003.

**Susan (Dunbrack) Beazley (2004)**

In 1973 Saint Mary's University made a commitment to varsity sports for women.

Susan Dunbrack, who had been an outstanding all-round athlete at Queen Elizabeth High School was the first female student-athlete recruited to Saint Mary's. In her first year she helped to lead the field hockey team to the Junior Varsity Championship and was chosen Most Valuable Player. Later that year, she led the women's basketball team in rebounds and steals and was a leading scorer. In the spring she was named Female Rookie-of-the-Year. Having proved that they belonged, Susan and her teammates were elevated to the varsity level of competition in Women's Intercollegiate Sports.

In 1974 Susan combined her speed and endurance to serve as an effective defensive center and a leading scorer in field hockey.

In basketball she was a leading rebounder and scorer on a team that defeated most of the established teams in the conference. At year's end, Susan was selected as the Outstanding Female Athlete-of-the-Year.



**Susan (Dunbrack) Beazley**

Sue's speed, hustle, competitive spirit, and outstanding jumping ability enabled her to excel in basketball for two more years and in 1976, once again, Sue was chosen as MVP of the field hockey team. Sue's skills and her desire to win were major factors in the success of the women's sports program in the initial years of varsity competition at Saint Mary's.

Susan also found the time to represent Nova Scotia in the Canada Games, twice as an athlete and twice as a member of the Mission Staff. Several years ago, she was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame as a member of Nova Scotia's Women's Field Hockey Team, National Champions of 1974-75.

Susan Dunbrack Beazley is most deserving of her induction into the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre as an outstanding double varsity athlete.

### **Bill Robinson (2004)**

After watching Bill Robinson warm up prior to a High School All-Star Game, Saint Mary's Hall of Famer A1 Keith knew Bill was the ingredient needed for a run at the Vanier Cup. Bill was recruited to Halifax where the final recruitment process was ably carried out by Bomber Forbes. Although Bill was an immediate star at Saint Mary's and a major contributor to the team's success, the Vanier Cup would be elusive for his first years at Saint Mary's. Bill

was AUFC All-Star quarterback for all of his four years at Saint Mary's; Rookie-of-the-Year 1970 and Most Valuable Player 1971, 72, and 73. He quarterbacked the Huskies to three consecutive 8-0 seasons which resulted in AUFC league championships. He constantly and consistently led the AUFC in all passing categories.

Bill had all the physical attributes of a great quarterback. He could pass and run but his biggest assets were his leadership, knowledge of the game, and fierce competitiveness. Bill hated to lose. The bitter memories of Atlantic Bowl losses in 1971 and 1972 hardened the resolve of the entire Huskies team as they were led by Bill in the Atlantic Bowl of 1973 against a mature Wilfrid Laurier Team. Bill threw the winning touchdown pass in the last two minutes of the game to secure a 19-17 win. The next week he led the Huskies to a 14-6 win over McGill to win the first Vanier Cup, emblematic of the Championship in football, for Saint Mary's University. Saint Mary's University was the first Atlantic university to win a National Championship in football.



After leaving Saint Mary's and still having another year of eligibility, Bill took his considerable talents to the University of Western Ontario where he successfully led them to a 10-1 season and the National Championship. En route he was voted team MVP and All Canadian Quarterback. He was drafted and played for the Ottawa Roughriders of the CFL from 1975-78. He was a member of the 1976 Grey Cup Champions.

Outside of football, Bill has been a committed contributor to Saint Mary's University and the community. He was an assistant football coach and offensive coordinator for the Huskies from 1985 to 1994; member of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors; chaired the AUS Women's Basketball Championships for Saint Mary's and has assisted the men's basketball team with fund raising. He was a keen supporter of his two Huskie children, Kristi Jo (Basketball, B. Comm., 2001) and Billy (Football), never missing a game in which they played.

Bill was the Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Drugs; Chair of the Atlantic Bowl (12 years) and its Honorary Chair one year. He chaired the CIS Final Eight Basketball Championships for eight years. He is presently CEO of the Nova Scotia Sports Heritage Centre

Saint Mary's University is pleased to induct Bill Robinson, B. Comm. 1974, student-athlete, coach and community minded citizen as a player into its Sport Hall of Fame.



Originally from Portsmouth, England, Ross Webb, in the autumn of 1978, a nightmare for every soccer goalie he had ever faced, having just completed a phenomenal pre-college career, burst through the gates of Sackville High, arrived at Saint Mary's on the run and began immediately to embark upon a goal scoring spree that had never been imagined let alone seen before in Canadian Intercollegiate soccer circles. In his first game with the Huskies, Ross scored six goals to lead them to a 7-3 victory over Acadia. The Huskies, led by Ross Webb's AUAA and CIAU record setting thirty-seven goals, compiled a league best 10-1-1 record, their best showing ever! At year's end, Ross was described as a modest, quiet young man. He credited his exceptional scoring achievements to his teammates, stating simply, "I get set up a lot". Ross was the first Canadian university athlete to make *Sports Illustrated Magazine* in 1978. Rookie-of-the-Year Ross and his teammate, Mario Noguerire, were named to the 1978-79 First Team CIAU All-Stars

For the next four years Ross and his teammates continued to shine. Ross won four more AUAA scoring championships. He was named to four CIAU First All-Star Teams and the AUAA First All-Star Team five times.

In November of 1981 the Huskies were the top ranked team in the country in the CIAU's final weekly poll. Unfortunately they lost to the eventual champion, McGill, in the semi-final play-off.

In 1982, Ross Webb, the Atlantic University Soccer Conference all-time scoring leader, was selected as the Athlete-of-the-Year at Saint Mary's.

After completing a sensational Intercollegiate soccer career, Ross continued to play an impressive and fulfilling role in the success of some of the best teams in Canadian Senior Soccer competition.

Saint Mary's University is proud to welcome Ross Webb as a member of its Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre.

### Frank Arment (2005)



Frank Arment is another of those very talented New England products who have made their way to Saint Mary's to excel athletically and academically over the last half century and to leave their imprints on the programs to which they made such generous contributions. For Arment the imprint was on the football and basketball programs as a player and leader from his arrival in 1961 to his graduation in 1964. He arrived via the personal persuasion of

the late Father J. J. Hennessey, S.J., and Athletic Director Bob Hayes on the recommendation of SMU alumni living in the Lee, Massachusetts area; a move that became a master stroke in recruitment.

Playing in what was then the Maritime Senior Football League, an amalgam of college and service teams and later the Maritime Intercollegiate League, Arment was an exceptional student-athlete

whose study load reduced his activities to football after one season of hoops in 1962. Captain of the football team, he won Most Valuable Lineman Award in each of the three seasons he played while playing at least three positions, offensive tackle, defensive tackle and defensive end, a player of remarkable versatility.

After graduating from Saint Mary's in 1963, Frank was accepted into Queen's University Law School and played three seasons as a defensive tackle, a was a conference All-Star for all three seasons in which Queen's won the league title. By 1967, still pursuing his law degree but with no player eligibility left, he remained with the football program as defensive line coach. Since his graduation from Queen's, Frank Arment has carved a highly successful legal career within the insurance industry and currently is Vice-President of the Plymouth Rock Assurance Corporation in Boston.

From his early student days at Saint Mary's, Frank knew exactly what he wanted in a professional career and spurned CFL offers by Edmonton, Montreal and Toronto to achieve his goal. Still, he has never lost his interest or involvements in football, especially the Saint Mary's program with membership in "The Old Dogs" club and his generous contributions. While he has continued his support to the advancement of the program he has never lost sight of the lasting influence Saint Mary's has had on his life.

He has also coached youth basketball and baseball programs throughout various areas of New England for over twenty years and is a board member of organizations that oversee Little League baseball. Frank and his wife, Sharon, have a possible future SMU recruit, son Nicolas, at 6'-3", 265 lbs., an offensive guard and linebacker on the Cohasset High School football team who also plays varsity basketball. The apple, as they say, never falls far from the tree.

Today we welcome back a proud Santamarian, Frank Arment, to take his proper place in Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame.

**Bill Mullane (2005)**

Billy Mullane can only be described as an enormously gifted athlete who most likely could have qualified for hall of fame status in any of the many and varied athletic disciplines in which he excelled. But it was basketball that finally claimed his full attention under difficult circumstances. In the mid-1950s, after being a school standout in multiple sports at St. Pat's High in Halifax, Billy was recruited by St. F. X. to become part of what was then a hockey dynasty but the fates intervened.

When his dad was diagnosed with Muscular Atrophy, Billy's sense of family compelled him to remain closer to home and he made a decision to enroll in engineering at Saint Mary's.

His original intent was to play hockey, his first love in life, and basketball, but after making the varsity hoops team he was informed by the late Father M. J. O'Donnell that rules confined him to one sport and he had made a commitment to basketball. The rest of the story is a matter of historic record; Billy Mullane became "The Shooter", the finest college basketball player of his years (1956- 59) at Saint Mary's. In his rookie season he was among the top five scorers in the Intercollegiate League and in a semi-final playoff game against Acadia Axemen, he registered an astonishing forty-three (43) points as Billy Mullane's college career was launched toward stardom.

In his second year he averaged twelve points a game, finishing fourth in the scoring race with 98 points in eight games and then proceeded to take full charge in his third and graduating

year. It was a memorable performance, both by the Huskies who finished first in the league under kindly coach Frank Baldwin, "Mr. Basketball" and "Shooter", who averaged nineteen points a game including a sensational fifty (50) in one game against Nova Scotia Tech that set a new Maritime Intercollegiate record. After graduation in 1959, Billy Mullane went on to obtain an Electrical Engineering degree from Tech and after the passing of his father in 1968 he moved on to University of Western Ontario to realize another dream, of getting an MBA.

Nova Scotia has produced a number of outstanding multi-sport athletes over the years, none better than Billy Mullane, a surpassing softball pitcher who led Halifax Schooners to many softball championships in the 1960s and a bowler of great distinction. But his love for hockey was renewed when he settled into Moncton and began a career in Oldtimers hockey that was cut short by a car accident that cost him the use of a leg in 1998. Undaunted, he resumed his golf career and now has his sights set on winning the club championship.

Billy Mullane was among the early contributors to a Saint Mary's varsity athletic program that began taking shape in the 1950's and eventually blossomed into a major national presence under the guiding hand of Athletic Director Bob Hayes beginning in the early '60s. He set new standards for a basketball program, helping to lay the groundwork that would eventually produce three national championships under the direction of fellow inductee Brian Heaney. Billy Mullane - a Saint Mary's Hall of Famer in every sense of the term.

[Bill joins sister Kathy Mullane, one of the thirteen Hall of Fame Pioneers, who was inducted into the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre as a Builder in the year 2000. Ed.]

**Mike Curry (2006)**

Mike Curry is another fine example of so many great student-athletes from the northeastern United States who have followed an alumni pipeline and left their indelible prints on the sport history of Saint Mary's University. They who have come have conquered our hearts. At Pinkerton Academy in Derry, New Hampshire in the early 1970's, young Michael Curry came under the influence of his coach, former Huskie Roger Cloutier, who persuaded his football/lacrosse captain that Saint Mary's was his best secondary education option for its academic and athletic standards and the opportunity to weave them in a warm and friendly environment.



It was an ideal marriage that the years have not diminished. The All-Star athlete from 1973 to 1977 went on to play in the Canadian Football League with Toronto Argonauts before retiring to begin a business career in his native New Hampshire, but never lost his love for or involvement with Saint Mary's. Mike is always among the first back for Homecoming Weekend and the annual Hall of Fame Inductions. He was Honorary Chairman of the Atlantic Bowl in 2001. In many ways, Mike Curry is still the captain.

Glittering as they are, his field statistics don't begin to measure Mike's overall contributions to the athletic program. His personal achievements are impressive of course, All-Conference centre in his freshman year with excellent blocking techniques and his accurate third-down snaps that

played a role in the Huskies' potent kicking game. He was named AIAA All-Star Offensive Guard in 1974, '75 and '76, the year he was also selected All-Canadian Offensive Guard and Saint Mary's Male Athlete-of-the-Year.

The quality that most endeared Mike Curry to his teammates and coaches during a career that began with a Vanier Cup in 1973, was the leadership he brought to the Huskies over those four years. From the very beginning he played in one of the less glamorous positions and consequently his effectiveness was often lost in the public adulation reserved for offensive heroes. But Curry's value was never lost on A1 Keith, his coach of the time who recognized something special almost immediately and summed it up after the 1973 season.

"Curry is undoubtedly the top freshman lineman I've seen in my four years of coaching at the college", said Keith. He added, "He does everything well and didn't play one bad game for us all season". The early assessment could have also described Mike Curry's performance over the next four seasons. After completing the then AIAA maximum four seasons of eligibility, Curry added another Vanier Cup ring with University of Western Ontario Mustangs in 1977.

The essence of Mike Curry was probably best described by Roger Cloutier who said, "The ability to lead is inherent in very few people, but Mike is one of the few. You lead by doing - you lead by talking - or you have that intangible quality that makes people follow. A captain makes a difference in the attitude of his team. He is the person who never lets up, and who is always there when the chips are down. Those who succeed in leading will become the bright stars of our society".

Michael Curry, a leader most worthy of induction into Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame.

## Reginald Joseph MacDougall (2006)



A funny thing happened to Reginald Joseph MacDougall on his way to a job in the Halifax Shipyards in 1956. He was asked if he would like to play hockey, a game he loved and played very well as a goaltender with Halifax minor association teams, but after high school it was now time to seek gainful employment. That was before he met the legendary Father Michael J. (Buck) O'Donnell, a Jesuit priest and sports enthusiast with a vision of a new era for student-athletes at Saint Mary's University.

Father O'Donnell was a persuasive chap who helped to sell some skeptical university colleagues on the value of a greatly expanded, high quality varsity athletic program that would make Santamarian teams more competitive and consequently make the school more attractive to recruits. It was what he had in mind when he had his talk with Reg MacDougall and the process could not have started with a better example of a quality student-athlete. There were no guarantees of a degree and employment that was sure to follow, only the opportunity to become part of an exciting new program with equal emphasis on education and sports, in which one could not work without the other. It was the perfect fit for Reg MacDougall and, as events of the years from 1956-60 reveal, for the Saints (the original name of the sports teams at Saint Mary's - later to be known as 'The Huskies').

Not only did the Saints get an outstanding varsity goaltender for four years but an athlete who also played junior, senior and intercollegiate football from 1957 to 1960 on a team that became Maritime junior champions in 1957. Reg MacDougall

was among the major contributors to a Saint Mary's athletic renaissance that began in the late '50s under the first full-time athletic director, Bob Hayes, and evolved into a national university sports dynasty of both genders over the last half century.

Reg was among those who set the early standards of excellence for student-athletes now recognized internationally. He has fond personal memories of those humble beginnings at what was then the region's smallest university tucked away in the south end of Halifax. For instance in 1960, when the underdog Saints probably came of age by beating city rival Dalhousie Tigers for the Lobster Trap Trophy; then reaching the NSIHL final against St. F. X. for the first time since the 1940s. In his first year in the AFC the Saints finished third, finally gaining credibility.

Not the least of Reg MacDougall's memories is Bob Hayes' idea of "spring training" jobs as labourers at Halifax Transfer in the summer. "Extra practices in the fall one week prior to the school opening meant that 'day hops' had to live at the University. They were housed on the top floor of the boarders wing that was as yet unfinished. This meant no walls, no bathrooms, just cots and dust". Most of all "playing before enthusiastic home crowds and beating X in their own rink"; certainly playing two university sports at a time when that was not only permissible, but expected.

After graduating with his Bachelor of Arts from Saint Mary's, Reg received his Bachelor of Education from Dalhousie and taught in the Halifax school system for four years, at St. Catherine's and St. Patrick's, where he was assistant football coach. In 1966 he moved to Calgary where he met his wife, Pat, in Red Deer, and taught in the Alberta education system for the next 33 years, until 1995 when he retired. Reg was the SMU representative in Calgary for 25 years and two of his daughters have been involved in Saint Mary's basketball and field hockey as the MacDougall connection continued.

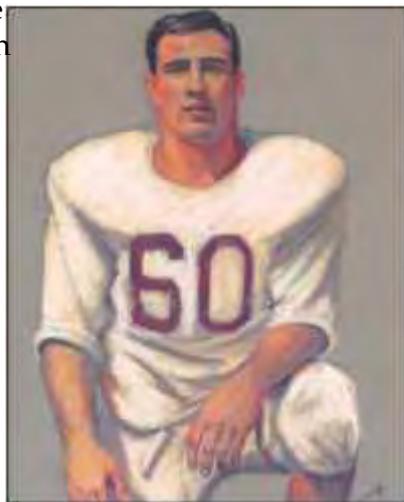
Few student-athletes of his time were as involved in all aspects of university life as Reg MacDougall who clearly displayed

his time management skills handling many and varied and important assignments. Over the course of his four years, the English Major was also President of the Amateur Athletic Association, Treasurer of the Student Council, with commitments to intercollegiate hockey, football and volleyball. The man who once aspired to become a shipbuilder instead became one of the country's most respected educators - all because a Jesuit priest at Saint Mary's recognized something special about Reg MacDougall and made him one of the building blocks of a program in search of student-athlete excellence that is now well established.

Reginald Joseph MacDougall, a man of many athletic hats, the consummate Saint-Huskie, and a most worthy addition to Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame.

### **Robert (Bob) A. Ruotolo (2006)**

Dr. Robert A. (Bob) Ruotolo made his athletic mark at Saint Mary's in football, a remarkable career that extended from 1960 to 1965 and was highlighted by an Atlantic Bowl victory with the Huskies in 1964. What is less known about Ruotolo's choice of Saint Mary's to begin his university studies is that, as a high school goaltender as well as football player in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, he was drawn to the school in the hope of playing for the hockey Huskies - perhaps the reason he turned down a football scholarship at Wichita, Kansas.



Arriving early in 1960, the 17-year old was met by Father Rushman, the Dean of Men and football aficionado, who immediately steered young Mr. Ruotolo in the direction of football coach Bob Hayes

and the rest, as they say, is a matter of record. His exceptional contributions to the University's athletic program as a player, his continued support of the athletic program, his leadership in the community, strong character and exceptional academic and professional achievements since graduating have been well documented.

Bob Ruotolo began his football career as a halfback at Brewster Academy where he became a lettered athlete in football and hockey and by the time he reached Saint Mary's he was being described as "a 17-year old, 5'8", 175 lb. powerful running back", playing in tough company. The early 1960s Atlantic Football Conference was a mix of college and service teams, St. F. X., Shearwater Flyers, Stadacona Sailors, Dalhousie Tigers, UNB Red Bombers, Mount Allison Mounties and Saint Mary's as well as the era of colourful coaches like Hayes, Don Loney at St. F. X. and Gus MacFarlane at Mount A.

For 17-year-olds it meant growing up quickly and the realization that the Huskies, still maturing as a team, were sometimes in over their heads against older and/or more experienced oppositions. The first painful lesson came in the first game, September 21, 1960 under the lights at Wanderers Grounds when the Huskies were bombed 42-0 by St. F. X., a night young Mr. Ruotolo might have had second thoughts about Wichita.

Things gradually improved of course, the team grew better and so did Bob Ruotolo who steadily built a reputation as a tough, hard-nosed middle-linebacker who captained the defensive unit and took no prisoners. He also became recognized and admired by his teammates for a strong work ethic as well as character, skills and leadership. He was chosen Defensive Back Conference All-Star for three of his five years at Saint Mary's. In 1964, he was elected All Canadian First Team Middle Linebacker.

1962 was a winning season for the Huskies, with quarterback Dave Murphy's offense and Ruotolo's defensive corps leading Saint Mary's to a winning season and first appearance in the

Purdy Cup. In 1963, the Huskies were quarterbacked by current Athletic Director, Dave Murphy, and with Ruotolo's defensive partners leading the way, Saint Mary's set a record by shutting out opposition teams six times. Ruotolo was in top form again in 1964 when the Huskies won the Atlantic Bowl in his final year of eligibility.

Bob later graduated from the Maritime School of Social Work with a Masters Degree, received a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1973, returned to teach at Dalhousie University then entered the business world in Toronto. Married to Pat Findlay of Halifax, the Ruotolo's now live in Phoenix, Arizona where he has established Quantum Performance Institute - a counselling and consulting firm. Bob is Past President of Saint Mary's Alumni Association, Past Member of Saint Mary's Board of Governors and member of the "Old Dogs" Club.

For the record, it should be noted that Bob Ruotolo did have a hockey career at Saint Mary's, however brief and successful it might have been. In 1963, the starting Huskies goalie, Mike Antle, was injured. Ruotolo replaced him for one game and blanked Acadia 1-0. Dr. Robert A. Ruotolo - forever a Huskie and a most worthy addition to Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame.

### **Father George P. Leach, S.J. (2007)**

It is more than appropriate that in his Golden jubilee year as a member of the historic and distinguished Jesuit Order (Society of Jesus), Father George Leach, S.J. should be enshrined in Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame, the institution where he starred as an outstanding athlete and where his vocation was nurtured. This is the inspiring story of a gifted young athlete who excelled in multiple sports including football, hockey, basketball, and paddling (flat water canoe racing). He left it all behind at a young age to follow his vocation.



**Father George P. Leach, S.J.** college student at Saint Mary's.

The year was 1957 when a young George Leach much admired and greatly respected by his teammates in all his sports disciplines as a highly skilled, easy-going, upbeat and natural athlete, left his engineering studies at Saint Mary's to join the Jesuits in Guelph, ON, to make a much bigger mark in a much larger world. He left behind a legacy of athletic successes that began in his native Dartmouth and continued as a high school and

Father Leach is the longest living three-time championship quarterback to lead Saint Mary's football players on the field. Then known as the Saints (before the more imaginary advent of Athletic Director Bob Hayes who created the Huskies), George shared fullback and quarterbacking duties; first to lead the high school team to the Nova Scotia championship, before graduating to full time quarterback in 1955 to lead the varsity team to the provincial title which was part of the Canadian Junior Football League. By 1956 SMU, with Leach, won every league game to reach the Maritime final.

Teammate Roger LeBlanc of Moncton remembers, "It was against St. Thomas College and because of injuries we were sometimes down to eighteen players, playing both ways of course, against the Tommies thirty. Behind in the final minute, with third down and long yardage, quarterback Leach called for a play with a long count. The play was intended to throw the over-anxious defense offside and gain some penalty yardage. It worked and with less than a tick on the clock, George threw a 'Hail Mary' pass and Tom Murphy kicked the ball to tie the game and we won

in overtime". That gave the Saints their first Maritime title and three in a row for the gridiron Santamarians of a half century ago.

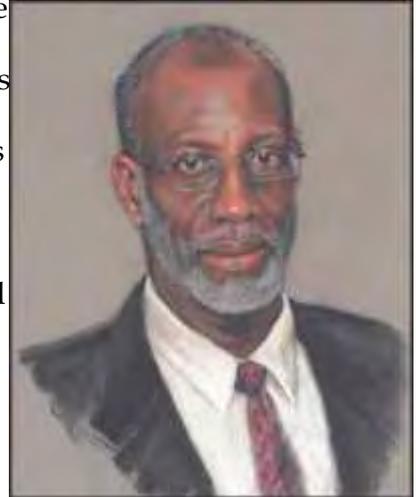
Another teammate at the time, long time Canadian diplomat Peter Fraser, notes from his retirement home in Seattle, "The teams that were developed in the 1950's came out of Saint Mary's new Robie Street campus, recognized as physically contending teams of gentlemen who prayed before every contest for the safety of players on both sides. As teammates, we remember Father Leach as not only a gracious, humourous and humble priest of today but also as a symbol of good amateur athleticism of the 1950's Atlantic Canada".

Father Leach carried all of those personal qualities into his vocation and in the immediate years after Saint Mary's he studied under the Jesuits in Spokane, Washington at Gonzaga University to receive his B. A. in Humanities and a second degree in Philosophy. This past summer he was welcomed back to Gonzaga in Spokane and to Seattle University, another west coast Jesuit campus, to celebrate fifty years as a Jesuit. He has maintained his great sense of teamwork throughout his priestly career, largely focusing on the creation of programs for adult-faith development and service among the aboriginals of northern Ontario. After 20 years of ministry he returned to the University of Toronto, School of Theology to work on his Doctorate in Ministry. His decade long assignment to the Halifax Archdiocese has included formation of the laity, support of historic St. Patrick's Church and being active among the street people of Brunswick Street's Hope Cottage and the Coffee Shop on Gottingen Street.

Although reaching 70 years of age in 2007, working on third down, Father George continued his Saint Mary's involvement with the athletic programs last fall and winter as chaplain for SMU students, the consummate role model for attaining higher purposes in life. The Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame is proud to welcome Father George Leach, S.J. as a most worthy inductee for 2007.

### **Lee A. Thomas, Jr. (2007)**

Lee Thomas, Jr. is another of those great young American student-athletes who have graced the halls of Saint Mary's over the last half century and played important roles in the development of Huskies' programs into wonderful success stories. Thomas was an integral part of the Saint Mary's basketball dynasty from 1973 to 1976, a brilliant centre from Newark, New Jersey who became one of the greatest basketball players ever to wear a Huskies uniform. Beyond that, Lee integrated himself into the mainstream of the city's sports community during his years of residency that ended in 1978 during which time he became a leader and role model for young Haligonians.



On the court as a Huskie the 6'5", 210 pound centre Thomas did it all, winning individual distinctions while contributing to Saint Mary's overall team successes. Over the course of his college career Thomas pretty well swept the board as far as individual awards were concerned with Hall of Fame accomplishments. His records include Most Rebounds in a season (453) in 1975, Career Rebounds (1,551), Best Field Goal Percentages (54.4%), Best Rebound Average A Season (15.9% in 1973), Best Career Rebound Average (133%), Career Field Goals (51.5%, 818/1587), Career Win-Loss Record CIAU 85-15 (850).

Lee was also AUAA All-Conference (1973-74, 75, 76) Starting Lineup All Canadian (1975, 76), National Tournament All-Star (1973, 75, 76), National Basketball Festival of Canada All-Star (1974, 76), SMU Rookie-of-the-Year (1973), SMU Outstanding Player (1973), SMU MVP (1974), No. 2 All-Time Scorer (2050 pts), SMU Male Athlete-of-the-Year (1976) and Thoroughbred Award winner (1974, 75).

While his glittering basketball contributions to Saint Mar/s are well documented, Lee Thomas also made time in his off hours at school to work tirelessly and effectively with inner city youth. He became involved with the Community YMCA from 1973 to 1978 and through his friendship with Terry Symonds became a volunteer coach with their Mini Boys basketball team, winning four provincial championships. He also coached the Men's Juvenile team to a provincial title in 1977. Lee was also instrumental in organizing one of the first Outdoor Basketball Leagues at the George Dixon Recreation Centre in partnership with the Community YMCA.

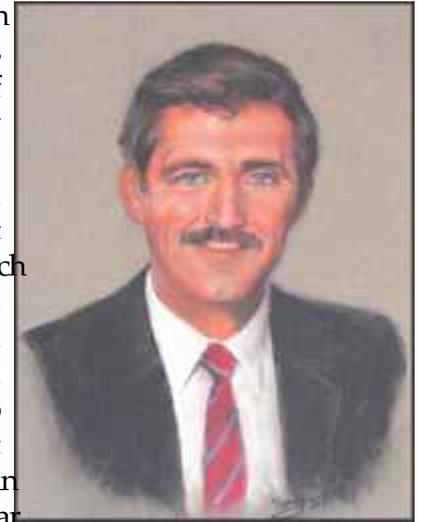
Perhaps the highlight of his Halifax residency, other than the remarkable accomplishments as a Huskie, was organizing an "Each One, Teach One" program, to help inner city youth develop a better understanding of the value of a good education through sports and academic programs. The program has been highly successful, assisting many young people to graduate from high school as well as university. Returning to New Jersey in 1978, Lee has worked with the city of Newark, managed a fast food restaurant and was employed by a major airline. He currently is the owner of a Notary Signing Agency in New Jersey.

Saint Mary's warmly welcomes Lee Thomas to his well deserved distinction as a member of the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame.

### John Gallinaugh (2007)

It's a difficult if not impossible chore to condense John Gallinaugh's immense contributions to the growth and development of Saint Mary's as a national basketball power into a few short paragraphs. But let's try by first using the descriptive phrases of his Huskies coach Brian Heaney who breaks down his always perceptive analysis into three parts: (1) "determination, fierce competitive drive, fabulous scoring, speed, defensive play, assists total and a magician's dribbling and passing skills"; (2) "leadership, the respect of his peers and competitors and standard of excellence for others to measure themselves by", and (3) "character and commitment to success have been the trademarks of his success".

From 1971 to 1974, John Gallinaugh might have played with less personal profile in the shadows of All Canadian teammates Mickey Fox and Lee Thomas, Jr., as well as league top scorers Fred Perry and Greig Redding, but all four credit their brilliant point guard with much of their successes. Coach Heaney, "With such a high powered and talented group of scorers around him, there were few extra shots to go around for the tenacious point guard, but more often than not John was at the initial end of a spectacular assist, providing all his teammates with great opportunities to score and win."



**John Gallinaugh**

It is generally accepted that on a team with less offensive explosion, Gallinaugh would have easily averaged twenty points per game in every year of competition. But the spunky 5' - 9" guard did twenty when required and had his own highlight reel games in both the AUAA and national playoffs. For example in his rookie year when he was assigned the job of shutting down the League's co-op scorer Steve Pound of Acadia in a playoff game at the Halifax Forum, John held the great Pound to just two buckets and the Huskies went on to beat the Axemen 70-64 before a raucous crowd at the old landmark on Windsor Street that served to open up college basketball as a major attraction.

That result also established what would be the Huskies defensive culture and in 1973 Saint Mary's went into Wolfville and knocked off the Axemen to win the conference championship. The following week in Waterloo, with Gallinaugh masterminding the offences with remarkable poise and Fox contributing thirty-nine points, the Huskies beat Lakehead Norwesters 79 - 67 to win the national title.

John and teammates Mickey Fox and Lee Thomas were named to the CIAU All-Star team. A year later in his final season, he had to face a reverse result in the national final when a jump shot at the buzzer gave Guelph Gryphons a 74-72 victory over the Huskies. It wasn't the way John wanted his university career to end but his exit was as graceful as his far greater number of successes had been accepted with typical modesty.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in 1974, the young man from Rockaway Beach, New York and Brooklyn Preparatory Academy decided to put down roots in Halifax where that character and commitment to success have made him successful in business while he continues to impact the community with his involvement. John and Lane have raised two boys, Jack and Bill, while Dad attends to business and continues coaching basketball at the minor and high school levels.

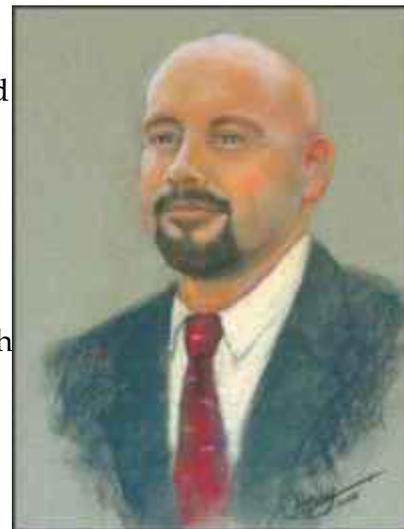
Today Saint Mary's is proud to welcome John Gallinaugh as a 2007 Hall of Fame inductee, an outstanding individual, forever Huskie, and a man Coach Heaney sums up as "a premier performer—there will never be another point guard quite like him. In my memory, he was simply the best!"

### **Andrew Conrad (2008)**

Over the years spanning 1990-2000, Andrew Conrad was a high performance multi-level athlete and coach who left an indelible mark on Saint Mary's athletic programs for his skills and leadership. From 1990-94, Andrew competed in track and field for the Huskies as a sprinter and hurdler, and was team captain in '92 and '93 before missing the 1994 season because of a serious injury. Over his career as a Huskie, he won three AUAA championships, two while setting records in the 60-metre hurdles that hold to the present day. The third was as a member of the championship-winning 4 x 200 metre relay team in 1992. Later that year he represented Saint Mary's at the CIAU championships in Winnipeg and again at the Toronto Skydome in 1993. In each of those years, he was also nominated for

the James Butler Trophy as Saint Mary's Male Athlete-of-the-Year. In 1991, Andrew went well beyond the call of athletic duty when he volunteered to solicit local businesses to obtain much needed sponsorship funding for the track and field team and later conducted a replacement search for a departing team coach. That search led to the recruitment of Debbie Brown who held the position for thirteen years. In each instance, Andrew showed remarkable commitment to the track and field program as well as to the University.

In between his long hours of training and study, he also volunteered as a student-athlete in the "Students Helping Students" program to mentor high school athletes in the Dartmouth District school group and was employed as a Weight Room instructor at The Tower Fitness Centre. Taking time to assist varsity football, soccer and hockey teams when help was required, Andrew Conrad has been the consummate Santamarian.



**Andrew Conrad**

Outside of the university setting Andrew has competed as a sprinter and hurdler for twelve years, nine in Nova Scotia and three in Ontario. He has established numerous provincial and Atlantic records both at indoor and outdoor events. After graduation from Saint Mary's in 1994, Andrew moved to Calgary to compete with the Canadian four-man Bobsleigh team but had to put his hopes on hold when he suffered a damaged Achilles tendon that required surgery in Halifax. A comeback attempt in 1995 fell short and personal athletic retirement led to yet another highly successful venture into coaching.

Returning to his first love and anxious to give back, Andrew volunteered to become strength and conditioning coach for the Huskies football team, an idea head coach Blake Nill warmly embraced. From 1998

to 2000, he contributed whatever was needed, from designing programs and workouts to filming games and practices while enjoying the experience of one Vanier Cup bid with the Huskies in Toronto. After it was time to pursue another lifetime ambition, to become a police officer. After traveling the Continent as an elite athlete, competing in events as near as home and as far as California, Utah and British Columbia, it was time in 1990 for Andrew Conrad to make longer range life plans.

Not that he has put his athletic experiences behind him as Andrew continues to design programs for his fellow Halifax Regional Police officers, and to the community for improving athletic speed and strength. But there is more time for fiancée Lise Doiron and young sons Devon and Austin. Andrew Conrad remains forever a Huskie and a most worthy inductee into Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre.

**Paul Puma (2008)**

Paul Puma represents one of those wonderful stories of a carefully crafted policy initiated in the early 1960s that have become the legacy of Saint Mary's Athletic Director Emeritus Robert G. Hayes: the recruitment of student-athletes of strong mind and character capable of combining a heavy workload of two disciplines into a single purpose, results that bring pride and dignity to the institution. It was into this environment that Paul Puma emerged from his Toronto High School in 1963, with a purpose for education and a passion for football. The passion resulted in producing an All Canadian college fullback and team leader. The purpose resulted in producing a thirty-year career as an innovative educator in Halifax who continues to give back to his school and adopted community in so many ways. As in the stories of so many of Hayes' early recruits from other places and in a policy that continues, this is the saga of the kid who came, saw, conquered, and never went home.

Paul made an impression on all around him from the time of his arrival as a freshman who impacted the football Huskies as Rookie-of-the-Year in the then Atlantic Football Conference. A physical

presence on the field and a practical joker whose sense of humour kept everybody loose, he became the heart of a very talented Huskies team and perhaps the only Huskie ever to make Coach Hayes laugh at a joke, if only once. He would become a four-time, first team AUFC All-Star fullback and a first team All Canadian, the workhorse who almost single-handedly won the Atlantic Bowl in 1964. Puma collected 144 yards in nineteen carries, plunged over the line for a major in the fourth quarter as the Huskies defeated the McMaster Marauders 15-1 and won the first Stanfield Trophy for the AUFC in the six-year history of the Atlantic Bowl.

**Paul Puma**

In 1965 and '66, he changed positions and became an All-Star middle linebacker both years. Academically, Paul graduated with both a B. Comm., '67, and a B. Ed., '68 from Saint Mary's before embarking on his career as an educator where he used his wit and wisdom to be a mentor to his students and student-athletes. In the process, he changed the culture of J. L. Ulsley High School, where he spent his entire career as Vice-Principal and Principal, from one of confrontation to one of zero tolerance and acceptance. Other schools followed Paul's lead and adopted similar programs. He authored a handbook of discipline (student behavioural expectations) that was emulated throughout the Nova Scotia educational system.

Paul also coached the J. L. Ulsley softball team for twenty-seven years and is one of only three Nova Scotian coaches who have won medals at national competitions in Ringette. He coached in this sport at all levels for thirty years, where his teams won numerous provincial titles and medaled at the 1989 National Ringette Championships; he has served on regional and national boards. Paul was also coach of the Halifax Buccaneers in the Bluenose

Football League in 1967 and '68, sending Haligonian Wayne Smith to the CFL in the process.

These days, his leisure hours in retirement are spent as a tapman where he dispenses wit, good cheer, the odd quick comeback and the benefit of his vast knowledge as an athlete and educator. He has also devoted his time and energies organizing Canadian Legion veterans' visits to the schools to relate their experiences and continues to serve his *alma mater* as Chair of the Steering Committee for Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre.

It can be said with great accuracy that Paul Puma has been a success with every aspect of his life, most of all in his forty-year marriage to Donna and in raising their three children, Dana, Leah and Danny. Paul and Donna are now devoted to their seven grandchildren. It can also be said with equal accuracy that Paul Puma has always represented Saint Mary's with integrity, honour and respect, giving back abundantly of his time and talents. He has epitomized the Saint Mary's motto, *Age Quod Agis* and is most worthy to take his rightful place in Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre.

### **Doug Wright (2009)**

Doug Wright never scored a basket, touchdown or point, but he was the architect of many in his four decades of duty and devotion to Saint Mary's Huskies teams as an assistant coach of varsity men's and women's basketball and football programs. Not to mention his lesser involvements with hockey and soccer teams as he served alongside Bob Boucher and Roy Clements, as well as the principal roles he has filled in establishing and maintaining Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre. How this physically marvelous, now 71-year-old native of Hamilton, Ont., who also grew up in Dayton, Ohio, with so many brilliant accomplishments has so effectively managed to balance a distinguished naval career with contributing so generously to community commitments outside the service defies logic. But that's the man affectionately known to his legion of friends and admirers as simply "Dougie".



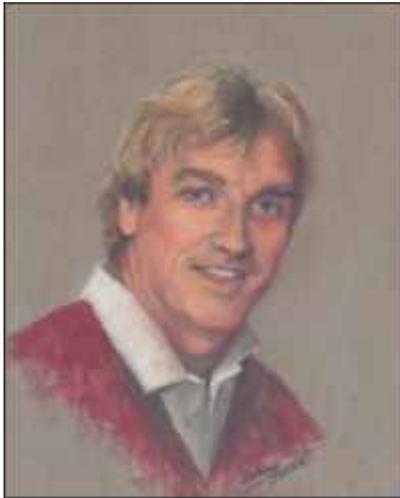
**Doug Wright**

Within the service of his beloved Navy, Doug's career began in 1960 as a player with championship football, basketball, baseball and swim teams at Stadacona, Shearwater and Cornwallis. It was also the start of a lifetime friendship with Navy football legend Robert G. Hayes that continued for another 40 years as Hayes became Athletic Director (later *Emeritus*) at SMU. It was also at Saint Mary's that colleague Dick Loiselle persuaded Doug to become involved in wheelchair basketball with Halifax Flying wheels, an association that eventually led to his becoming provincial coach, a sixth place finish at the 1976 Montreal Olympics as national head coach and member of the board and head coach of Canada's Pan-Am Games team that won a succession of medals. He has also found time over the years to head Canada's popular Naval Gun Run team, an annual Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo feature for many years, with many international citations. Doug has been honored by his inductions into the Canadian Armed Forces Hall of Fame, The Order of Military Merit (Canada's highest military award presented by the Governor-General) and many other distinctions.

Doug Wright's memories as an assistant coach at Saint Mary's, with so many national football and basketball championships from which to choose, one stands out above the others - the 1973 Vanier Cup title preceded by a tremendous upset victory over Laurier University Golden Hawks in the Atlantic Bowl. "In 1972, they had whopped us 57-7 using the famous 'Wishbone T' offence, which we weren't able to solve. In '73, head coach Al Keith allowed assistant coach Gordon (Spook) MacLeod to devise a reverse defense, attacking the strategy from the inside rather than outside. It worked to perfection, Laurier panicked, they had no passing game and we beat them to move on to the Vanier. That one was one of the greatest upsets in CIAU history".

For his role in that and other Huskies' successes, Doug has already been elected to both the Saint Mary's and Nova Scotia Sport Halls of Fame as a team member. Today he stands tall and alone to be even more properly recognized as one of Saint Mary's greatest assets over the last 40 years. A singular addition to the Hall for which he has done so much in so many ways to develop and maintain.

### Ken Clark (2009)



Ken Clark was a special member of a special team that awakened Canada in 1973 to the presence of an emerging college football power in the east, a region then painfully short of national recognition in a sport with a relatively short history in the pigskin game. The loyalists in Atlantic Canada held stubbornly to the traditions of English rugby until some Navy intruders, many on military leave from the CFL, introduced a new brand in the early 1940s.

In the next two decades, football made steady inroads into the public psyche thanks in great measure to a couple of naval converts to the region named Don Loney and Bob Hayes, head coaches who began recruiting talent respectively to St. Francis Xavier and Saint Mary's programs.

With a great eye for talent and student potential, Hayes reached into the Toronto area high school football pool, among other places, and in the early 1970s came up with some gems, not the least of which was the QB-Receiver team of Bill Robinson and Ken Clark that would play a major role in leading the Huskies to the promised land - a national Vanier Cup. Both became four time All-Stars in the Atlantic Conference and in

1973, Clark, the receiver, punter and placement kicker, won the conference scoring title with eighty-five points. He was also the Conference's nomination for the Hec Crighton Trophy awarded annually to the outstanding Canadian collegiate player. Robinson, who finished a close second to Clark in that voting, was also named the Conference MVP; a potent combination on a team that began the trek to the national title with a huge upset victory over the highly favoured Laurier Golden Bears in the Atlantic Bowl at the Saint Mary's Stadium. Ken Clark scored the winning touchdown.

In his career at Saint Mary's, Ken did it all. He was league All-Star four times as receiver or kicker, led the AUFC in punting all four years, the league in scoring several times, and was co-captain and MVP of the 1973 Vanier Cup team with a performance that also included a record 86-yard punt. He also set numerous receiving records in what was then a shorter, six-game season. Small wonder that when his college career ended at Saint Mary's, Ken was a much sought after professional commodity and chose to begin life among the pros as a member of the Portland Storm of the then budding World Football League where he led the league in punting in his rookie season. He repeated that accomplishment several more times as a member of Canadian Football League teams but (the Vanier Cup with Saint Mary's aside) Ken's finest hour as a professional had to come in 1979. As punter for the NFL champions and Super Bowl finalists Los Angeles Rams, Ken Clark reached the pinnacle of his pro career with a punting average of 40.9 yards and ninety-three (93) points per season and as well he was two for two in passing and led the Rams with an overall 118.7 rating.

When his football career ended, Ken returned to his native Ontario and a business career that has him now located in Barrie, north of Toronto. Today he is back to take his rightful place among the athletic greats at Saint Mary's and renew acquaintances with teammates and old friends who have never forgotten their football heroes and whose name always comes

up as a key member of a Vanier Cup championship Huskies team that sent a dozen players to professional ranks. Among them, they share twelve Grey Cup and NFL championship rings, including those won by Hec Pothier and Angelo Santucci of the Edmonton Eskimos, Bill Robinson of the Ottawa Rough Riders and Ken Clark of the Los Angeles Rams. Today, this richly deserving athlete takes his place of honour in the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre.

### **Charles R. (Chuck) Goddard (2010)**



*Have pads, will travel!* That might be a capsulated version of Charles R. (Chuck) Goddard's hockey career, but it would hardly do the well-spoken, highly skilled goaltender justice. The Upper Canadian native certainly did not follow a conventional road to college hockey stardom.

Goddard arrived at Saint Mary's University in the fall of 1969 and proceeded to lead the south-end Halifax campus to four straight CIAU championship tournament berths and three finals. During his career he earned four AUAA All-Star nominations, an All Canadian nod and was named the MVP of the 1970 CIAU championship final. Toss in a Saint Mary's Male Athlete-of-the-Year award in 1971-72 and it was a pretty dominant period for Goddard, who backstopped the Huskies to eighty-one (81) wins and just five losses in league play from 1969 to 1974.

"Quality, quality, quality," said former teammate Brian O'Byrne, in assessing Goddard's play during the golden years at SMU. "He was the best, a 'difference maker'. I knew from playing with him in Peterborough with the Petes that we immediately had a

good shot at the national championship. Make no mistake, this guy could play and he hated losing. He definitely was the key to SMU and Atlantic aspirations in the late 60s and early 70s."

But long before he re-wrote the record books at SMU including breaking the CIS record for shutouts in league play, Goddard had already made a name for himself, displaying his exceptional puck stopping skills by leading his bantam team to an Ontario MHA title; the next year he guided his midget squad to an OMHA crown.

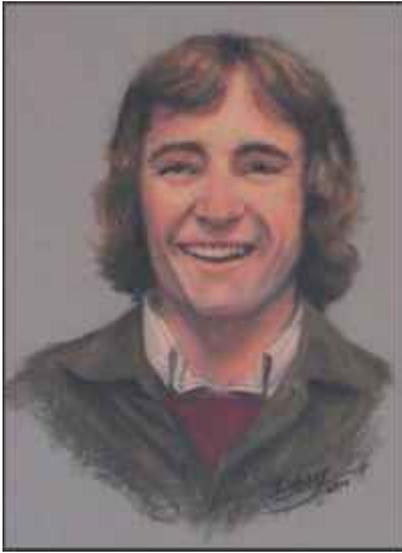
The next five winters were spent with the OHA's Peterborough Petes and Niagara Falls Flyers, a team with whom he won a Memorial Cup in 1965. Goddard joined the Eastern League where he spent a couple of years playing for Charlotte and Jacksonville. In a twist of fate, it was Jacksonville where he played for half a year with Bob Boucher, the man who would go on to be his coach at Saint Mary's. The two year stint in the Eastern circuit was followed by two seasons in the American League, one with Memphis and the other with Cleveland.

In Barrie, Ontario, working and playing senior hockey at the time, Goddard was tracked down by some SMU buddies. Into the picture stepped Bob Boucher and Bob Hayes, then Athletic Director at SMU. "I really consider Boucher and Hayes humanitarians because they provided people such as me a chance to come back to university and do things for themselves, the school and the team Thanks to them I wound up with my T>. Sc. and B. Ed. To me that was the highlight (of my college career)."

### **Brian Burgess (2010)**

Hardwood recruit, gridiron super-star. Those four words tie up Brian Burgess' years at Saint Mary's into a neat bundle.

A native New Englander, Burgess was recruited by former Saint Mary's basketball coach Brian Heaney to join the hoop squad in 1972. The following spring he was a member of the 1973



**Brian Burgess**

unit that captured the CIAU championship and in the fall joined the football squad that went on to win SMU's first-ever Vanier Cup.

"He was a terrific and gifted all around athlete who could excel at any sport that he played in. He was a member of the AUAA and CIAU Championship teams. He was an intense competitor and a mentally tough basketball player who made his teammates better both on and off the court." recalled Heaney

While his basketball talents were considerable, it was on the football field where Burgess truly made his mark. His basketball skills aside Burgess had a storybook start to his football career when he intercepted two passes in his first game, running one back 106 yards for a major.

A four-time AUAA All-Star and a two-time All Canadian, Burgess was the first player from a Canadian university to play in the East/West All-Star game in the United States. He signed with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1976, but was cut in the pre-season. He returned to SMU and in 1979 played in the Can-Am Bowl in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

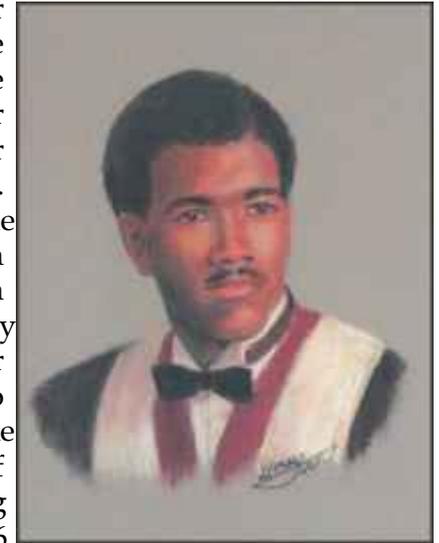
An All Canadian defensive back (safety) in 1974, Burgess joined tight end Steve Telfer and offensive tackle Mark Pothier as the most ever from a Maritime university earning All Canadian honours.

When asked what Burgess brought to football that allowed him to transfer over from basketball so effectively, Heaney instantly rebounded with, "His ability to react to defenses and offenses

was superior to most athletes. He could read a situation within a split second and use his premier athleticism to adjust and dominate an opponent. He had a fierce competitive desire to win and was one of the most coachable athletes to work with. His attitude buoyed his altitude of achievement. He had superior game intelligence. He understood strategy and at the athlete's level had a reputation for having 'game smarts'. His instincts on the field and on the court were second to none."

### **Rev. A1 Brown, Jr. (2011)**

Among the thousands of athletes who have passed through the hallowed halls of our esteemed university over these many years, few raised the standards of skills, character and leadership to a particular program more than Alfred E. Brown, Jr. From 1966 to 1970, the young man recruited by then Huskies varsity basketball coach Les Goodwin out of a New Jersey high school compiled career achievements that continue to withstand the tests of time. At the time of his graduation (Class of 1970), A1 Brown was the leading rebounder in AUBC history (15.6 RPG in conference in '68) and over the past thirty-eight years, his rebounding record has only been eclipsed once.



On his way to setting the University record of 1,237, A1 set a single game record of twenty-four rebounds in the CIAU tournament of 1968 that still stands. In the same tournament he captured nineteen rebounds in a game against Waterloo-Lutheran and finished the '68 season by averaging 16.4 rebounds per game and became the first SMU player to make the CIAU All-Tournament team. During his four seasons, the Huskies conference record

of 41-14 is a reflection of the impact A1 Brown brought to the program and set the stage for the national championship teams that emerged in the following years. But beyond the statistical evidence that raised his personal performance to another level is the story of a natural leader whose commitment to excellence and personal deportment set the example for teammates to respect and many to follow. His late coach Goodwin probably summed it up best in a letter to Brown after graduation when the athlete chose a career in the Christian ministry. "You are a great competitor and a pleasure to coach. The way you helped other players and kept the team together was tremendous. You were a loyal friend, a clean living young man and I am glad you have chosen to serve Him". It was signed, "The Old Goat". Off campus, A1 and teammate Billy Thomas voluntarily conducted a basketball camp for kids on Saturday mornings in Cherry Brook and also served on the 1969 Canada Summer Games Lacrosse Committee.

After graduation, A1 received a Master of Divinity degree from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. He served for over 30 years as pastor of First Baptist Church of Cranford, N.J. During this tenure, he has also served two terms as president of the Cranford Clergy Council and since 1992 he has served on the Union County Human Relations Commission. A1 was awarded the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. award for 2006 by the Cranford Clergy Council and Interfaith Human Relations Committee for his contribution to the cause of Human and Civil Rights in the community. Beginning in 1973, A1 Brown has worked at Kean University, Union, N.J. as Assistant and Associate Director of Student Financial Aid and is at present Assistant to the Dean of Visual and Performing Arts.

As A1 Brown takes his rightful place among the great Huskies enshrined in the Hall of Fame, the last word on this inductee surely belongs to the late Saint Mary's *Athletic Director Emeritus* Bob Hayes in a letter to the departing athlete in 1970: "In my mind's eye, I can easily conjure a vision of

your grace and strength on the basketball court. Both on and off the playing field you had exceptional qualities. You epitomize what coaches all hope their student-athletes would be. You were one of the outstanding athletes in the 1960s in this country."

### **Dr. David Petrie, MD, FRCSC (2011)**

Dr. David Petrie never scored a goal, returned a punt or dunked a basket in his 30 years with Saint Mary's Huskies, but as team physician he cared passionately about those who did and attended them with professional skills and personal attention. His judgement on the availability of injured players was impeccable and only the short and long term health of his student-athletes really mattered. What was most remarkable about David's longevity among Huskies teams in so many categories was the fact that he was otherwise well established as one of Canada's best and most sought after orthopaedic surgeons. Yet he managed his time to pace the sidelines at football games, rink side at hockey, the courts of basketball, etc., hoping his services would not be needed by "his boys" but ever at the ready if they were.



As a native Montrealer, Dave grew up in a sports environment, played basketball and golf at the university level while sharing every Quebecois passion for the Montreal Canadiens. His initial brush with the Maritimes came as he completed a Bachelor of Arts at UNB in Fredericton before moving on to graduate from McGill Medical School in 1964. From there he completed a Fellowship in Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Toronto before moving to Halifax to begin practice in 1970. By sheer

coincidence, his beloved Canadiens at that time were setting up shop in Halifax with their AHL farm team, the Nova Scotia Voyageurs, and it was an immediate match. David became the Vees team physician through their championship years, attending to the Habs future greats in Montreal. When Canadiens moved their franchise, Dr. Petrie turned his full attention to his beloved Huskies and remained on the job until his retirement in 2009, on the sidelines during several national championships. He enjoyed the complete confidence of every AD beginning with Bob Hayes, and every player and trainer because they respected his judgements and knew that Dr. Petrie's foremost concern was the health of "his boys".

A full professor in the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie, his professional specialty was joint arthroplasty (replacement) surgery, orthopaedic trauma, fractures and other injuries, as well as an ongoing interest in sports medicine. He received an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from Saint Mary's in 2001, served as President of the Canadian Orthopaedic Association and was a founding member of Hip Hip Hurray, a charitable walk that the association holds every spring to raise funds for orthopaedic research. The event has raised over ten million dollars for research, education and patient care. Dr. David Petrie died in 2009, leaving his wife, Eileen, children Sarah, Christopher and David, and a legacy of faithful service to the Saint Mary's athletic community, a high degree of motivation in both sports and life. A most distinguished and most worthy addition to the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame.

### 2012 Inductees for the SMU Sports Hall of Fame...

Although the inductees for this year's Hall of Fame were known in late spring, the portraits, always drawn by artist and Hall of Fame 2010 member, Barbara Dorey, were not available when this publication went to press. Artist-in-Residence, Dorey, an acclaimed

portrait artist, has sketched all of the inductees since the Sport Hall of Fame's inception in 1995. To view these portraits please check the Saint Mary's University website at: <http://www.smu.ca/athletics/inductees.html> or visit the courtside lounge area in the Homburg Centre at the induction ceremony or anytime afterwards.

**Barbara Dorey,  
SMU Artist-in-Residence,  
self-portrait. (Opposite right)**



### 2012 Inductees Announced

Two legendary football players and an exceptional, all-round athlete from the Saint Mary's College era will be given a place of honour this fall when they are inducted into the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre.

After evaluating dozens of submissions, the committee charged with determining the next round of hall entrants has announced that two-time, All-Canadian football great Christopher Donald Murphy, Saint Mary's College sports sensation Robert "Puddy" Reardon, and All-Star receiver and football captain Bill Scollard should be recognized for their contributions to the University's rich sports heritage.

"Each year the selection committee has to wrestle with some very tough decisions because of the University's deep pool of talent," said Steve Sarty, Director of Athletics and Recreation. "Induction into the Hall is not just an opportunity to take fans and former athletes on a pleasant walk down memory lane. It is an opportunity to honour teams, individuals and builders who have laid the foundation for the success we enjoy today."

**Don (Donnie) Murphy** (below) was highly regarded as the best linebacker of his time in Canada. Intelligent, courageous, tenacious and virtually unstoppable by opposing linemen, he was the bane of opposition running backs. Don epitomized what Saint Mary's teams were to become: tough, proud champions.



**Robert "Puddy" Reardon** (below) was one of the best student-athletes at Saint Mary's High School in the mid-1940s. At Saint Mary's College, he excelled

in curling, baseball, football and hockey, leading this legendary Junior Hockey team to three consecutive Maritime championships. He also was an avid golfer in retirement and organized the SMU Senior's Golf Tournament for many years.



**Bill Scollard**<sup>1</sup>, (above right in adjacent column) described by Larry Uteck as a 'coach's dream', this steadfast and determined All-Star receiver and punter, captained the Huskies for four seasons. A natural leader and respected role model, he set two national championship records during his playing days at SMU.

All three will be honoured during the 2012 Sport Hall of Fame induction ceremony to be held in the Courtside Lounge within the Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event is free and open to students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of Saint Mary's University.

**Bill Scollard,  
football in hand  
(opposite right)**



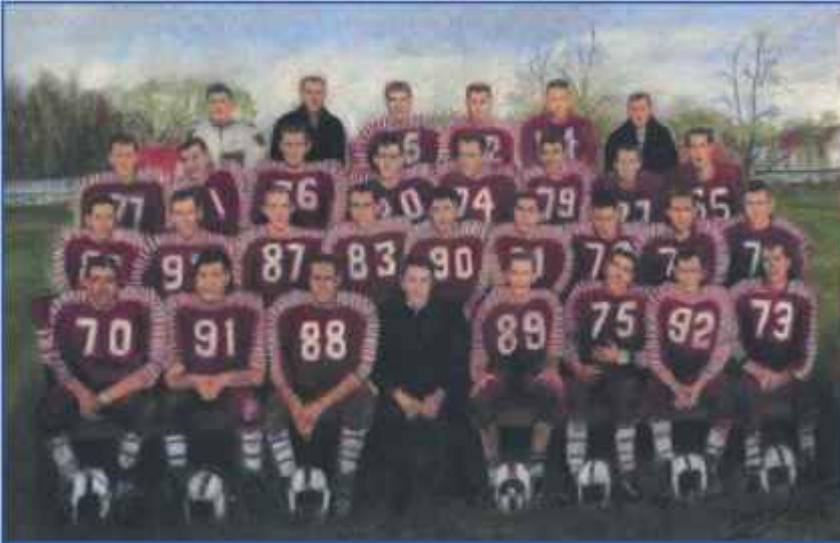
**Editor's Note:** The information on the 2012 inductees was taken from a recent press release by Saint Mary's University. Much of the information on the University Sport Hall of Fame inductees printed in this book is also posted to the SMU web site at: <http://www.smu.ca/athletics/hall-of-fame.html>. On this site one can also find the categories and criteria for nominating individuals or teams for consideration for future Hall of Fame nominations. A collection of past Sport Hall of Fame induction ceremonies are also posted at: <http://library2.smu.ca/handle/01/21907>. A special thanks to Ioe Chrvala for photographing the Hall of Fame portraits (drawn by Barbara Dorey) used in this publication.

The section of this publication that follows is one dedicated to the nine teams inducted into the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame from its inception to the current year.

1. Bill also contributed to the extensive 'football history' in this publication, which is can be found on page\_\_\_\_\_.

## SMU Sport Hall of Fame Team Inductees

### 1956 Football "Saints" (2008)



It would be fair to say that midway through the last century Canadian football was scarcely played or even understood in Nova Scotia, holding tightly to English rugby as indigenous to our culture, the sport of choice between the baseball and hockey seasons. There was a smattering of football activity among Canadian professionals who became Halifax-based servicemen during World War II that ended in 1945. But it was enough to plant seeds of interest among young Haligonians, so a decade later a Saint Mary's University team began the harvest that would eventually establish the game in Atlantic Canada, adding another dimension to our sporting traditions.

The "Saints" of 1956, that completed an undefeated season in the fledgling Nova Scotia Junior Football League, swept the Maritimes and went on to become the first east coast team to engage in a national playoff, thereby blazing the trail for the Saint Mary's football greatness that would follow over the next

forty years including a national title in 1973. It was also the first sports team made up exclusively of Saint Mary's students, in contrast to previous teams supplemented by non-students to bolster a 300 student enrollment. A collection of thirty young men who played both offensively and defensively with courage and passion, enough to win at regional levels but far short of national standards. Physically beaten and exhausted the "Saints" became easy prey for Montreal's Notre Dame de Grace Maple Leafs in the national semi-finals. But it didn't matter, the mission was an overwhelming success and the best for Saint Mary's was yet to come.

The 1957 edition of the student publication, *The Santamarian*, had this to say: "1956 will always be remembered as a season of glory - a season of thrills - a season made glorious, made thrilling, by enthusiastic student spirit, a superb team of thirty Saints and a soft spoken rookie coach by the name of Reverend Elmer MacGillivray, S. J." yes, that was the same Elmer MacGillivray who had been a distinguished Saint Mary's student-athlete a decade earlier, majoring in hockey as a member of arguably the greatest junior line in local history with Hughie Campbell and the late Bert Hirschfeld with the non-affiliated Saint Mary's Juniors of the late 1940s. Enrolled individually as a member of Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame, he enters for a second time as the conscience and inspiration of the first Maritime junior football champions in 1956. Coach MacGillivray had a gallant cast of players led by quarterbacks George Leach and Ted O'Leary, along with Peter Fraser, Frank Gervais, Kevin MacPherson, Ron Barnes, Burris Devaney, Don Warner, Ed Burke, Tom St. Onge, Bob Barrett, Brian Flemming, John Merrier, Phil Josey, John Richard, Tom Murphy, Frank Cronin, Bill Power, Graham MacDonald, Greg McClare, Leroy Heffernan, Don MacKinnon, Dale Sinclair, Bob Bartlett, Jerry Power, Joe Power, Roy Keast, Bob Hartlen, and Roy Mann. It was not the greatest assembly of pure talent that would grace the hallowed halls of Saint Mary's; but none more greatly inflamed the spirit of the school or fired the imagination of the city.

These "Saints" went undefeated in provincial league play, defeating Shearwater 35-7 and 20-7, Cape Breton 23-20, 49-0, 20-7. They defeated St. Thomas University of New Brunswick 33-20 to win the Maritime championship; then fell 56-0 to the vastly more experienced Montreal Notre Dame de Grace in the national semi-final, but not before impressing Montreal team officials and fans with a gritty display of heart and determination against long odds. It was the very first Maritime team to vie for national honours, sure signs of the football development that would follow.

The character of the individual players was evident in all the games where penalties of any nature were rare. This strength of character manifested itself in the career paths chosen after leaving Saint Mary's. Their careers were forged largely as missionary priests, engineers, lawyers, social workers, senior public servants in provincial and federal governments, politicians and foreign-service officers. Many members of the 1956 team continue to support their *Alma Mater* by attending various fund-raising events and through bequests to various Saint Mary's and SMU Alumni events. One example: approximately sixty-five of the footballers and their spouses, mostly from the '56 "Saints", attended the special 2004 Homecoming weekend, then returned in 2007 to join in celebrating Father George Leach's induction into Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame. These events largely organized by team member Frank Gervais who has missed very few football games over the last fifty years and was President of the Saint Mary's Alumni Association in 1979.

"The Big Red Team" of 1956 can now properly take its place among the athletic greats of Saint Mary's in the Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre. Few indeed are more deserving.

### 1964 Saint Mary's Football "Huskies" (1999)

The 1964 Saint Mary's Varsity Football Team ended a forty-seven (47) game winning streak by the Saint Francis Xavier X-men en route to wins in seven of their eight regular season games. The

season was crowned by a 15-1 Atlantic Bowl victory over McMaster Marauders, one of the top teams in the country. Unfortunately the national championship was not contested in 1964, so the Huskies missed the opportunity to compete for the national title.



Under Head Coach Bob Hayes, assisted by Jim Bayer, Les Goodwin and the team's faculty advisor, Father J. J. Hennessey, S.J., the team had one of the best defenses in the country, with four All-Conference, and two All Canadians, linebackers Bob Ruotolo and Don Murphy. The Team's offense produced six All-Conference and two All Canadian selections, Frank Archambault and Paul Puma, as well as the AFC Rookie-of-the-Year, Ted Purnell. Rounding out

the team were Mike Antle, Steve Armitage, Bill Baldwin, Bob Belliveau, Darryl Burgess, "Knucker" Burns, Mike Colle, Ken Evans, Frank Garner, Pete Grant, Tom Haney, Bob Johnston, A1 Keith, Wayne Leahy, Jack Lyons, Dr. Charlie MacDonald, Stu MacDonald, Jim Magee, Larry Matheson, Brian Murphy, Dave Murphy, John Murphy, Stu O'Brien, Wayne O'Brien, Erwin Penner, Joe Reardon, Gerry Redmond, Ed Ritchie, John Schneider, Dan Skaling, Ron Traenkle, Ron Venning, and Charlie White.

In recognition of their many regional and national achievements, their consistent play throughout the season, and in giving Saint Mary's its first Atlantic Bowl win, the 1964 Varsity Football Team is inducted in the Team category.

## 1973: A Varsity Sport Renaissance

The year 1973 was a watershed for the Saint Mary's University Men's Varsity Athletic Programs in terms of national championships and the recognition that followed. Two teams, basketball and football both won national titles, while the varsity hockey team made it to the national championship finals only to be defeated by the perennial all-powerful Varsity Blues of the University of Toronto. Given the size of the Saint Mary's compared to these national institutions, it was also the genesis for the unfortunate use of the perforative term "jock" being inappropriately applied to the university and its teams. After reading the section on the Student-athlete (pp. ) and the statistics on Academic All-Canadians in the Appendices, we trust that such references would not surface again.

It was also the year that marked the beginning of the Women's Varsity Programme at SMU, which would also become a force with which to be reckoned in the years that followed.

### 1973 Saint Mary's Men's Basketball Huskies (1996)

Saint Mary's can boast of many athletic successes over the last quarter century, but none more historic, exciting or dramatic than that of the 1972-73 National Basketball Championship Huskies. This team, under young coach Brian Heaney, was not regarded as a factor in the CIAU pre-season, but rather a collection of eager but inexperienced players destined for development status. The Huskies broke from the gate quickly that season compiling a 7-1 record by Christmas, then winning fifteen of their last seventeen games for a season total of twenty-two wins. In their final eleven games, the Huskies averaged an incredible eighty-six (86) points per game. During that stretch, they unseated Acadia Axemen as AIAA conference champions; knocked off Windsor Lancers 91-84 in the CIAU semi-final in overtime;

then defeated Lakehead 79-67 to give Saint Mary's its first ever national title.



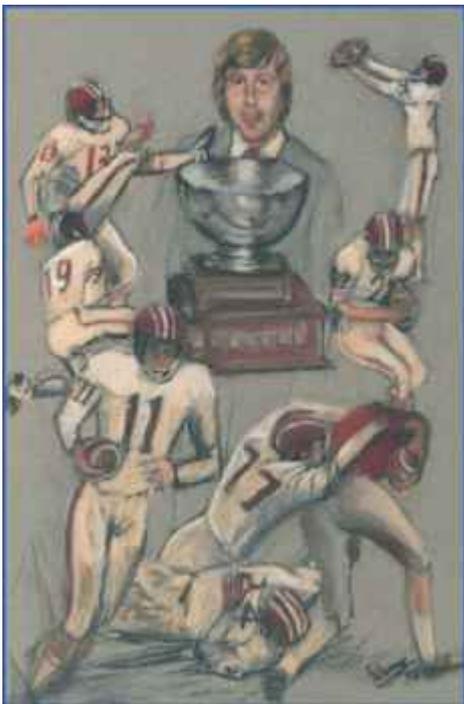
It was an incredible accomplishment for coach Heaney, players Mickey Fox, Don Gallagher, John Gallinaugh, Peter Halpin, Bob Toboski, Lee Thomas, Brian Burgess, Art Waters, Otha Johnson, Fred Perry, Greig Redding, and managers, Terry O'Neill, John Landry and Peter MacAllister.

**1973 Men's Basketball team - the first ever national CIAU (now QS) title for Saint Mary's University (Barbara Dorey).**

### 1973 Saint Mary's Football Huskies (1998)

The 1973 Saint Mary's Football Team was the first Atlantic university team to win a national college football playoff championship involving representatives from all intercollegiate leagues. Under the direction of head coach A1 Keith, the Huskies began the 1973 season, after having lost two previous Atlantic Bowl games to Western and Waterloo Lutheran. The Huskies took the AUF Championship handily with a team of seventeen fourth year players, and including eight Maritimers. Despite being three touchdown underdogs, they defeated Wilfred Laurier 19-17 in a hard fought game for the Atlantic Bowl. On Saturday, November 24 led by quarterback Bill Robinson, wide receiver and kicker Ken Clark and linebacker Fraser

MacDonald, they defeated the McGill Redmen 14-6 to win the College Bowl, later re-named the Vanier Cup in 1982.



**1973 College Bowl Champions:  
1998 Hall of Fame sketch (B.D.)**

Of the twenty-seven players on the team, twenty-one were subsequently selected as draftees by the Canadian Football League, and five eventually went on to have extended careers in the CFL. A team member later offered a formula for the team's success: "Playing together as a team, this was the thing that put us over the hill. Although there were a number of outstanding individual athletes, the team concept was the important aspect. We were really close as a group and it showed on the field." In 1986, the Team was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

### **1973 Saint Mary's Hockey Huskies (2001)**

The 1972-73 edition of the Saint Mary's Hockey Huskies was composed of a rich blend of proven college performers, graduates of the Maritime and Ontario Junior Hockey circuits, several rookies and several seasoned performers from the Eastern Hockey League. They breezed through the regular season undefeated and bested the Moncton Blue Eagles 6-1 for their fourth consecutive Maritime title. The Huskies topped the Loyola Warriors 9-6 qualifying them to meet the University of Toronto Blues for the CIAU Championship. **1973 CIAU Finalists: SMU Sport Hall**



Undefeated in 31 games, the Huskies faced off against the defending champions for the fourth year in a row. Entering the third period trailing 3-1, the team found themselves trying to play catch-up hockey for the first time all year. When they cut the Blues' lead to 3-2 with only two seconds hanging on the clock, they demonstrated the digging and hard work they gave to the end. "We got the breaks and took advantage of our opportunities. We had to respect Saint Mary's, they beat and tied us earlier and they are a tough club", offered Blues' Coach Tom Watt after the game. The Huskies had lost by a whisker to a team of very worthy defending champions. And so they stood; a half step behind the Blues and one step ahead of the other fifty-two challengers.

The Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre is proud to recognize the accomplishments of all members of the team: Rodney Allison, Richard Bishop, Larry Bridges, Jim Browne, Brian Burgess, Tony Gpollirii, Ken Clark, Mike Curry Dave Faryriiuk, Gord Fumerton, Peter Grandy Bob Hayes, Bruce Hopkins, Keith Hotchkiss, A1 Keith, Roy Kendall, Mike Kirkpatrick, John Landry Rick Lewis, Charlie MacDonald, Fraser MacDonald, Gord MacLeod, A. J. Marinari, John Matkowski, Henri Mayer, Dave McCormick, Peter Miller, David Murphy Ralph Parizullo, Cliff Pelham, Dave Petrie, Hector Pothier, Mike Riley Bill Robinson, Jim Rodgers, Ray Romano, Angelo Santucci, Joe Simatovig Stephen Teller, Frank Theriault, Dave Townsend, Doug Wasson, Greg Watson, Dave White, Doug Wright Frank Yakimchuk.

Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre is proud to acknowledge the accomplishments of all members of the team: Douglas Abbass, Richard Bayes, Richard Bishop, Randy Crowell, Bill Doherty, Steve Dymtryk, Gerard Gibbons, Charles Goddard, Rand Kellock, Dwight Lewis, Bill McFall, Ray Monnette, Robert Mullins, D'Arcy Murphy, David Nowlan, Mike Quinn, Tim Ripley, Gladstone Smith, Rod Smith, Dale Turner, Robert Warner, and coach Bob Boucher.

**1977-78 Women's Field Hockey Team: *The Belles* (2011)**



**1973 Belles, carrying coach Kathy Mullane on their shoulders.**

Women's sports at Saint Mary's was still in the developmental stages, very much a work in progress when the 1977-78 Women's Field Hockey team, *The Belles*, gave the program a huge kick-start towards better recognition by winning the AUA championship in somewhat dramatic fashion over arch rival Dalhousie with a late penalty shot goal. *The Belles* were only in their fourth year of play and women's sports were still struggling for respect and recognition in an era almost completely dominated by

Huskies men's teams in the higher profile divisions. The Belles' case for greater attention and support was carried largely by their coach, Kathy Mullane, an effective voice in the corridor of decision-makers, most notably Athletic Director Bob Hayes, who had long recognized the value of attracting more female student-athletes with quality and successful women's teams in a variety of programs and divisions. Hayes and Mullane shared similar views on the development process and it received a major boost with *The Belles* rapid ascent to the upper echelons of power in the 77-78 Season.

The Belles shot out of the starting gate that season, holding first place in their division until a loss in the final game of the year to Dalhousie, the defending AUA and national champions. Undaunted, the Saint Mary's women shook off their disappointment and were firing on all cylinders when the playoffs began, knocking off the University of New Brunswick Red Sticks, then exacting sweet revenge on Dalhousie by winning the AUA championship with a penalty shot late in the game. The team went on to the National finals at McGill, finishing a highly respectable third among the top division teams. Debbie Woodford, who served as Athletic Department secretary and Sports Information Director from 1972 to 1987 before moving to Toronto, remembers that season well.

"Coach Kathy Mullane recruited and crafted a team that boasted a three-year member of the Canadian team, Joan Selig, who led the league in scoring that season, rookie goalie Sherry Conrad, who became recognized as 'Zero Lady' for achieving nine shutouts in 12 games, and other first year players Monica MacKenzie, Cindy Norton, Dianne Chaisson, Judy Power and Martha Hayes; a roster balanced by veterans Irene MacPhee, Nancy Collins, Wanda Williams, Darlene Mossman, Kathy Ells, Anne Murphy, Susan Kober and Vivian Mancini, along with team manager Bonnie Thurber. This was a team that meant business from the opening whistle, a young squad that grew and learned from each other. With each practice and each game the team became more confident

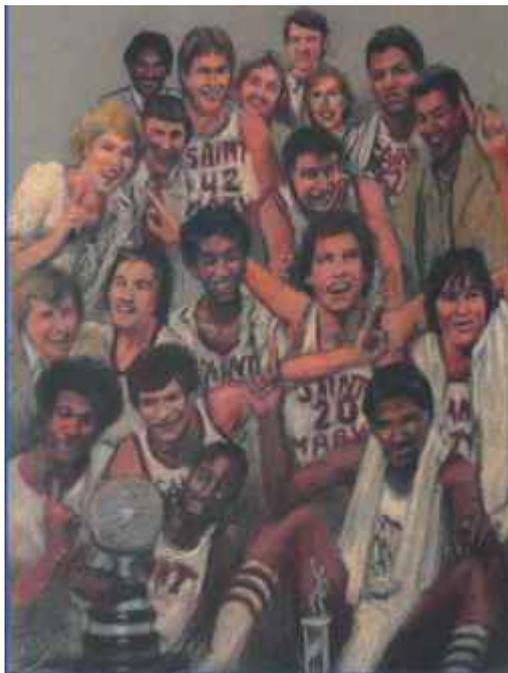
that Saint Mary's could capture a championship as they melded and became a strong, cohesive unit in a very brief time span/

A measure of the character of this team is found in the manner the players quickly regained their poise and purpose after the disappointing loss to Dalhousie in the final game of the season, the way the team regrouped, went on to the AUAA title and played so well in the nationals against long odds. Facing adverse field conditions and tough oppositions at McGill, The Belles nonetheless impressed, beating McGill 3-0, tied the University of Toronto 1-1, then defeated University of British Columbia 2-1 before losing to the University of Manitoba by one goal after two Darlene Mossman goals were called back on a questionable rule that was eliminated the following season. Members of the team went on to successful careers in business, education and sports, including teachers, nurses and accountants, continuing to give back to their sport and remaining active in alumni affairs.

The 1977-78 Field Hockey Championship team *The Belles* began the culture change and made an immense contribution to the evolution of women's sports at Saint Mary's under the inspired leadership and direction of Coach Kathy Mullane, the unofficial "First Lady of Sports" at Saint Mary's. It is a most worthy group to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

### **1977-1978 Saint Mary's Men's Basketball Huskies (2003)**

The newspaper headlines said it all, "*Huskie Night in Canada*", March 1978. The venue, the newly opened 10,000 regular seat (11,000 for basketball) Halifax Metro Centre; where even Premier Gerald A. Regan did not have a seat. The teams: the Atlantic Champions - the Acadia University 'Axemen" and the host team, Saint Mary's University Huskies, the latter not even ranked among the CIAU's Top Ten. The top-ranked Bisons from the University of Manitoba had been expected to win, but went down to a stunning defeat in the first round at the hands of the Huskies: the score - 92 to 81. The next day, the newspaper



**Saint Mary's Men's Basketball:  
1977-78 CIAU Champions**

headlines read "*Copy of the CLAUBasketball Rankings Found Floating in Halifax Harbour*"/"The march to the championship had only just begun as the Huskies toppled the University of Victoria Vikings to advance to the "Ultimate All-East Showdown".

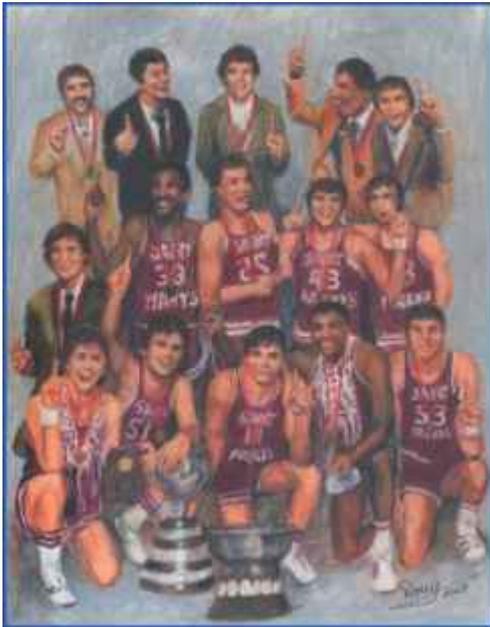
The highlights of this game were numerous: Ron "Hawk" McFarland finished with 38 points; a broken ankle; and the MVP Award for the Championship. Brian Heaney's dream of coaching another national championship team had indeed been realized!

The triumphant team did not, however, have an easy road to this CIAU National. While turning down several more lucrative coaching positions, Coach Heaney had amassed a tremendous amount of talent. However, at the outset of the 1977-78 Season, the team had not been jelling as a playing unit. In the AUAA Championships, the Huskies lost to Saint Francis Xavier University, but entered the nationals via the back door - as the host team. Many would agree with team member Ron Blommers, "that the game was the most exciting to play and watch in the history of Canadian basketball" - a game which was certainly much closer than the 99-91 score would indicate. When John Brown slammed-dunked with only thirteen seconds remaining against Acadia's Victor Soares, "the crowd went wild and our lives have never been the same since!"

Members of the winning team were: Ron Blommers, John Brown, Bruce Holmes, Derrick Lewis, Tom Kappos, Ron McFarland, Rick Plato, Ross Quackenbush, Art Screamon, Mike Solomon, Roger Tustanoff, Mark Vickers, Frank White. Coaches: Brian Heaney, Brian Burgess, Willie Follette. Managers: Hector Corkum, John Landry, Calvin Smith, Allan Wentworth.

Thanks, guys, for adding another famous chapter to the annals of the proud tradition of varsity athletics at Saint Mary's University.

### 1978-79 Men's Basketball Huskies (2009)



In any discussion of all-time great Huskies teams, the 1979 national championship basketball team has to come under consideration and in the realm of great athletes, the guy who led them on the floor in that memorable year tops most lists. As Head Coach Brian Heaney would later say about that season, "Our overall record wasn't better than other years, just unique in its excellence." With strong exhibition play and wins over US schools St.

Joseph's (73-71) and Boston College (82-81) Heaney described these victories as "proof that Saint Mary's can hold its own against all comers now and that this team is on a par with the best in the United States, or anywhere else for that matter". The guy who led them on the floor, of course, was the incomparable

Mickey Fox who had returned after a three year absence to pursue a Bachelor of Education degree.

Fox, all-time scoring leader at Saint Mary's, was not the only newcomer. Master recruiter Brian Heaney had also seduced two fifth year transfers, point guard Kevin Wood from Randolph-Macon University and "jumping jack" Percy Davis from the University of Rhode Island, as well as freshman sensation Jeff Gourley from Fredericton High School, to join the team that had won the national championship the year before. Back to defend their title were fourth year forwards Ross Quackenbush and Tom Kappos, third year shooting guard Rick Plato and second year forwards Ron Blommers and Derrick Lewis. Expectations of winning another championship were high and this team was not about to disappoint.

Averaging over 100 points per game, the Huskies kicked off their regular season with convincing wins over Mount Allison (116-71) and UPEI (125-83) before embarking in December on an arduous eleven day exhibition schedule for tournaments in Montreal, Winnipeg and Calgary.

Returning to Halifax the team faced yet another highly ranked team in the St F. X. X-men who beat the Huskies in a sloppy game, 72-71. Saint Mary's was not pleased. Revenge came in the form of their winning all remaining fifteen AUSA games to finish the season in first place with a record of 17-1 and a number two national ranking.

Still, there were roadblocks to overcome en route to Calgary, including a less than stellar first half of play against St. F. X. in the AUBC final before 8,634 fans at Metro Centre. In an account of the game in the *Chronicle-Herald*, writer Steve Bezanson described the Huskies taking control of the game in the second half after trailing 36-33: "St. F. X. made Saint Mary's play their game in the first half but they couldn't sustain the tempo, couldn't make up points easily and the Huskies hit them like

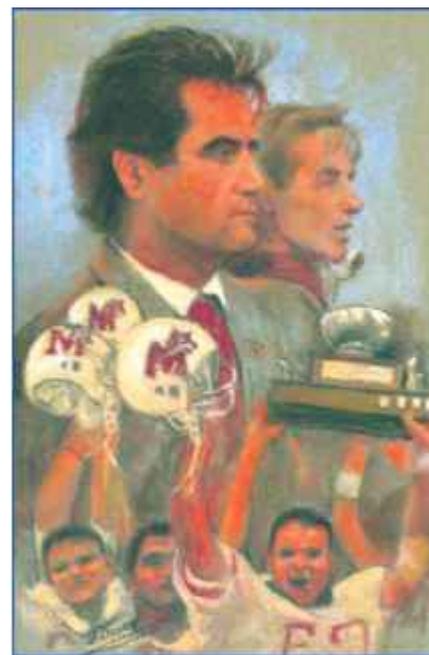
a battering ram in the second half, building up a fifteen-point cushion in the first ten minutes and coasting to an 81-71 victory". Kevin Wood, with twenty-two points, said of the game: "It was a great win but to be honest, we didn't play that well. But that's the sign of a great team ... not to play your best and still win". For Wood and the Huskies the best was yet to come. There was a lot of work to do to prepare for the nationals, featuring number one York, Windsor, McGill, Winnipeg, Victoria, host Calgary and wild-card St. F. X. The Huskies were up to the task.

The Huskies battled their way through the elimination and into the final against Victoria, setting the stage for an east-west classic matchup of the two geographical extremes. In the end, it was no contest. Calgary basketball columnist Eligio Gaudio summed it up thusly, "Saint Mary's Huskies outclassed the Victoria Vikings to capture their second consecutive CIAU basketball championship and their third Canadian title in seven years with a 90-83 triumph over third ranked Victoria. The 4,200 plus who took in the contest witnessed what was perhaps one of the all-time best Canadian college players give his finest performance to lead what many are already considering the greatest Canadian university team ever assembled, to an undisputable victory." While the Huskies could by no means be considered a one man team, there were two outstanding individual performances in the final against Victoria; Kappos had a huge 20-20 effort (points and rebounds) effort and Fox, a four time All Canadian in this, his final season, scored thirty-seven points. Fox also scored the same number of points in a 110-95 first round win over Windsor and another twenty-seven in a 98-92 semi-final victory against York. Fox's total of 101 points and the team's total of 298 points are tournament records that still stand today. Mickey was named Tournament MVP, an honour he also won with the Huskies in 1973.

For his part, the Mick offered a typical response, "I get all the glory because I'm the shooter but this team might have been the finest basketball team ever assembled in Canada. This is certainly the deepest team we've had at Saint Mary's and those

people who said we didn't have an inside team didn't know what they were talking about. Just look at Tom Kappos and Ross Quackenbush". Add Wood, Davis, Blommers, Lewis, Plato and Gourley, not to mention the inspiring leadership of Heaney, the support of Coaches Jim Collins and Willie Follette, managers Allan Wentworth, Paul Baxter and John Landry, and trainer Alex McLellan, and we have a proud 2009 addition to the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame.

### 1988 Football Huskies (2010)



The numbers speak volumes - five All Canadians, fifteen AUAA All-Stars, a 9-0 regular season record, the country's No. ONE offense, the nation's No. TWO defense and a 44-10 dismantling of Bishop's Gaiters in the Atlantic Bowl.

The only scar, a 52-23 loss to the Calgary Dinos in the Vanier Cup at Varsity Stadium in Toronto, a setback many to this day feel would have been reversed had All Canadian quarterback Chris Hynn not been injured and unable to suit up for the game.

That said the superlative data only signifies a part of the saga; what the 1988 Saint Mary's Huskies football team truly had in abundance besides the obvious wealth of talent was character. "The bottom line was that this was just a team that enjoyed each other and played together." said Wayne Kirk, an assistant coach with the '88 squad. "Sure there were fifty-

five guys that no doubt had their own individual goals, but they also had team goals. They knew what had to be done to win and they went about doing it." The man that pulled all the parts together was Larry Uteck, who that season became the first coach at SMU to receive the Frank Tindall Trophy, awarded annually to the country's top college sideline boss. "Larry was a great coach and behind it all was Bob Hayes (Athletic Director), a guru, a football genius who masterminded the whole thing, recalled Kirk.

Spearheading the charge was the versatile, nimble-footed Flynn, a native of Buckingham, Quebec, who guided the Huskies to an undefeated 11-0 mark before being injured against Bishop's in the Atlantic Bowl. That set the stage for one of the Vanier Cups' more interesting stories, fourth year slotback Bill Scollard assuming the QB duties from Flynn. Scollard, who hadn't thrown a pass or called a play all season, posted some spectacular numbers and kept the Huskies close before the Dinos pulled away late in the final quarter.

"The 1987 team began the process but it was the 1988 team that really moved us into the national spotlight, the pinnacle." said Kirk. "And I think the key ingredient was that we had a lot of guys on that team who were seasoned, guys that had endured all the hardships and adversities. They were the nucleus."

Joining Flynn, the Hec Crighton Trophy winner as the country's top player, as first team All Canadians were offensive guard Louis Olsacher and linebacker Scott Dunthorne, nominated for the Presidents' Trophy as the country's top defensive performer. Second teamers were tight end Brian Smith and defensive end Doug McKenzie.

Those receiving AUAA All-Star recognition were: Scollard, Jerry Foster (kicker), Barry Richardson (defensive back), Gus Karouzakis (linebacker), Rob Brennan (linebacker), Paul Tonet (defensive tackle), Mario Vani (offensive tackle), Jim Fitzsimmons (defensive back), Konstant Nicolopoulos (offensive center) and Matthew Nealon (wide receiver).

Other team members were: Kevin Aver, Todd Barter, Dwane Brosseau, Mike Caron, Neville Connolly, Kelly Connors, Russell Cooper, Cecil Currie, Gregg Curwin, Steve Doherty, Granville Eastman, Greg Foran, Iody Hubert, Brian Johnson, Steve Kazakis, Mike Korecki, Tom Lee, Gord Lusby, Ian MacDonald, Tim MacIntyre, Richard MacLean, Phil Matzat, Randy McLeod, Randy McLeod, Dale Morgan, John Murray, Peter Neuman, Scott Nuttall, Basil ODei, Andy Peters, Dan Radford, Kevin Reade, Doug Smith, Ken Walcott, John Wedderburn and Anthony Williams. Assistant coaches Stewart Francis, Gord Fumerton, Wayne Kirk, Pierre Lefebvre, Gord 'Spook' MacLeod and Bill Robinson, along with Dr. David Petrie (Team Doctor), Ann Cox (Athletic Therapist), Al Forsey (SID), Paul Mason (Manager), John Landry (Asst. Manager), Bill Robinson, Jr. (Ball Boy) and Dominik Machek, Jr. (Ball Boy) complete this extraordinary group.



**ABOVE:** Scan of a photo/postcard of the McNally Building (circa 1963), which was for Peter Grant and others of his era, including the principal editor and Committee Chair, the entire university physical structure, housing some 400-600 students, including both student and Jesuit residences. This photo (in colour) was used as a cover photo for the promos for this book, but its quality prevented it from being reproduced in a larger format for printing. [The original post card, with watermarks, was supplied by Paul Puma; no photo credit is available. Ed.]

**Saint Mary's University**  
**Honour Roll of Student-athletes of the 1930-1940's**  
**(Windsor Street Campus)**

At the 2005 Induction Ceremony, twenty of the outstanding student-athletes from the 1940s were recognized (see list below). In 2007, thanks to the extensive research of Michael Doherty, the Sport Hall of Fame paid tribute to thirty-three additional student-athletes from the 1930s. Those thirty three student-athletes (see page opposite) have had their names added to the Honour Roll Plaque already bearing the names of the 1940s student-athletes. During the 2007 ceremony, the chair, Paul Puma, called upon University President, Dr. Colin Dodds, Athletic Director Dr. David Murphy, and representing the student-athletes from the 1930's, Mr. Ed Coolen, to come forward for the unveiling of the plaque.

The inscription on the plaque for both groups reads as follows: "Saint Mary's University has long been known as a bastion of intercollegiate sport. This plaque pays tribute to the fine scholar-athletes who sowed the seeds for the rich athletic tradition, which we now enjoy. They were the building blocks upon which our present day championship teams are constructed. This acknowledges the sacrifice, dedication and commitment made to Saint Mary's prior to 1952 when the 'College' became a 'University'. For all those who competed on the playing surfaces in the name of Saint Mary's, thank you!"

**Saint Mar/s University Student-Athletes of the 1940s:**

<b>A. Allan</b>	<b>Wally Foley</b>
<b>Don Fultz</b>	<b>Ed Godwin</b>
<b>Frank Graves</b>	<b>Ernest "Butch" Gummer</b>
<b>Joe Hemsworth</b>	<b>Joe "Bunker" Hill</b>
<b>Bruce Hyland</b>	<b>Floyd Keddy</b>
<b>Father Henry Kline</b>	<b>Hughie MacDonald</b>

**Joe MacLellan**  
**Jim McManus**  
**Ron O'Keefe**  
**Gerald Reardon**

**Bill McCoombs**  
**Bernard "Bunny" Mulcahy**  
**Frank "Tusker" O'Neill**  
**Ralph Vaughn**

The second group from the 1930s, which were added to the Honour Roll Plaque and read out at the 2007 Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

**Saint Mary's University Student-Athletes of the 1930s:**

**George Aliotis**  
**John "Bus" Bulley**  
**Dud Chisholm**  
**Gordon Cowan**  
**Harold Dyer**  
**Tom Farrell**  
**Cad Flemming**

**Cyril Bowser**  
**Frankie Carroll**  
**Ed Coolen**  
**John Dickie**  
**Jimmy Egan**  
**Frank Finley**  
**Ted Flynn**

**Frankie Foley**  
**Jack Fullerton**  
**Joe Grant**  
**Herv Mulcahy**  
**John Munro**  
**Ed McGrath**  
**Lou Nelson**  
**Fred O'Connell**  
**Doug Spruin**  
**George West**

**George Foley**  
**Chris Grant**  
**Jim Lovett**  
**Jerry Mulcahy**  
**Marty MacDonald**  
**Jack Nelson**  
**Lou Norris**  
**Jack Reardon**  
**Vinnie Vaughn**

On the following page (opposite right) is a photo of a group of "heroes" that attended the 1940s induction, which included two of the spouses of deceased members of this elite group of 'historic' student-athletes. Congratulations to everyone in attendance, as well as to those not physically present, but whom we know were there in spirit.

**1940s Student-Athletes: photo at 2005 Sport Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**

**Left to Right: Ernest "Butch" Gummer, Hughie McDonald, Don Fultz [in back of Hughie], Joyce MacLellan (widow of Joe MacLellan), Bill McCoombs, Fr. Henry Kline, Frank Graves (behind Henry Kline), Claire Foley (widow of Wally Foley), Bruce Hyland (behind Claire), Frank "Tusker" O'Neill, Ed Godwin. (Photo supplied by P. Puma.)**

**SMU Huskies Stadium and other facilities ...**

Huskies Stadium (a legacy of earlier Pan-American Games) with its artificial turf, permits games played by teams in Soccer, Field Hockey, Rugby and Football without the grass turning to mud in a Maritime spring, or even during a wet autumn. Viewing areas are from the Tower (top centre), recently renovated and renamed as the Homburg Health & Wellness Centre in 2012, as well as from the covered 'grandstand' (lower left centre). The artificial (blue) running track is used by the Track & Field Teams and for conditioning in other sports. The rink is in the upper left with parking in behind High Rise and the Rice Low Rise residences are to the right. In the far upper left is the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century building used by the Teaching ESL Program. While the rink needs to be replaced, the over thirty year-old stadium is also in need of an upgrade, especially the seating areas. (Photo: Joe Chrvla)

## Hennessey's Revolt: 1965 Chris Donahoe<sup>1</sup>



**Rev. J. J. Hennessey**

Prime Minister Kevin Carroll listened intently as the speech from the throne was read aloud to the student parliamentarians and spectators gathered to witness the opening of the 1965 Model Parliament at Saint Mar/s.

Kevin was leader of the Liberal Party that had defeated the Progressive Conservatives with Paul O'leary as leader. The Conservatives as the opposition party were seated on the West side of the gymnasium and the Government took up the East side. Visitors and observers could get a seat in the bleacher sections of the gym and many did.

The campaign for student votes had been and cleanly fought, mostly through witty posters, which tried to outline the issues that each party felt were important. There was very little public rhetoric; the verbosity would take front and centre when the Model Parliament began.

After the speech from the throne was read, the Speaker of the House, Mr. Edmund Morris, who himself was no stranger to political events, called the House to order.

1. It should be acknowledged that Chris Donahoe took the call to submit memories for this book very seriously and submitted no less than four//stories/; We chose this one. The others included: "The Snowball Incident", an escapade in which Dal fans threw snowballs with raw eggs inside at SMU fans, resulting in a serious riot in the Studley Arena. That story, as well as a hockey trip to the old arena in Antigonish, both heavily involved football Hall of Famer, Bob Ruotolo. In his final submission he suggests that the late Dick Loiselle was, in his view, the greatest SMU athlete, certainly of his era of the 1960s, but perhaps of all time, sentiments shared by many others who knew him. [Ed.]

Those of us who were studying Political Science were in our element. We were getting the chance to develop policy and to debate those things that were important to Canadians and students at the university. I sat with the Conservatives with Paul O'leary as leader and was exhilarated when I rose to ask a question of the Prime Minister. This was our time to shine and show what we were all about - our time to learn to debate; to bring forward clear and concise arguments; to develop skills and gain confidence that would stand us in good stead when we began our careers.

Day one went smoothly; it wasn't until the afternoon session of day two that things really got interesting. Loquacious James O'Hagen had just begun his verbal attack on the Government, when we heard some strange sounds emanating from the West side stairwell leading to the gym. The sounds combined what seemed to be a chant with grunts and shouts. Everyone stopped and all eyes were glued to the stairwell. What we saw was something we weren't prepared for at all.

With the noise getting louder and louder, we were descended upon by a large group of huge football players wearing bandanas around their heads, with some were brandishing clubs and bats. They quickly surrounded our desks and shouted, "Down with Parliament!" and "Long live the revolution!"

As we tried to assimilate what was happening, things rapidly got out of hand as anger at this disruption turned into pushing and shoving. Edmund Morris was shouting, "ORDER, ORDER in the House!" but to no avail. The events escalated with chairs and tables knocked over, water jugs smashed and water over the hardwood floor. Even the spectators, who were in the gym to take in the debate, got involved.

To us, this band of rebels, made up mostly of football players, was a threat and we were certainly intimidated with both their size and the ferocity of their 'attack'. The Speaker, Edmund Morris, had vacated the gym via the East stairwell sometime during the melee.

With cassock flowing and cane in hand, a new presence made his way into the fray. Father J. J. Hennessey raised his cane in the air and asked the 'rebels' to back down. As quickly as it began, it seemed to end. The football players backed away and Father Hennessey explained that he had been the instigator of this 'civil uprising' in order to demonstrate how fragile democracy really was.

For many of us, his message did not come through. We were angry and felt betrayed by our fellow students, most of whom we cheered for on the football field, and it was difficult for us to understand why they would disrupt our Model Parliament, our day in the sun. Hadn't we always supported them in their efforts on the gridiron? What right did they have to cause turmoil for us?

Still frustrated as they began to leave the area, I took out my frustration on an overturned chair and gave it a kick toward the bleachers. Fr. Hennessey was just walking by and stopped, looked over at me and stated in a way only he could, "Now, now that's no way to behave."

It was the first and only time that I told a Jesuit to do an impossible deed, and perhaps it was fortunate that there were no repercussions from my inappropriate response to the day's events.

Fr. Hennessey had managed to create a novel way to teach a life lesson by using student-athletes in an endeavour unrelated to sports. It wasn't until years later when I became an educator that I truly understood what a valuable lesson that was provided for us that day.

#### **Addendum: contributed by Pat Curran**

I remember the day of that particular model parliament well because, as the retiring Student Council president, I played the part of the Governor General and read the Speech from the Throne. Then I stayed around to watch the excitement, mostly sympathizing with the "rebels".

What Chris didn't include was that all the university political parties had been upset that few students had bothered to vote in the mock election, so, in order to teach the non-voters a lesson, the parties decided to conspire and form a dictatorship or oligarchy in which no one but the chosen few would have any rights. They passed a "law" by which ordinary people would be known as "tools", subject to the control of all-powerful police known as "power tools". The power tools consisted of football players in a uniform which included a beret and their chief was Tom Haney - who was, I assume, auditioning for his future role with the military police.

One can only imagine how Father Hennessey, a Bostonian from Bunker Hill, reacted to any "government" trampling on individual rights. It was no surprise that he encouraged a "revolution". It was part of his heritage. The resulting "battle", which mostly injured pride, was really more of a civil war than a revolution, as there were football players (and other friends) on both sides.

Like Chris, I also learned something that day I've never forgotten, but something different - I learned was that if you light a fire under people, you just might end up getting burned.

#### **The American Experience**

The 'his' stories that follow are three experiences, primarily from the early to the late 1960s, written by American males who came to Canada to attend Saint Mary's University ... and although they helped to change athletics here, each was changed, both personally and academically for the better, by their experiences ... and to a person each credits the Jesuits, the University and the people of Nova Scotia they met for providing them with so many formative experiences and memories that have lasted a lifetime. Each story is different, although some experiences or sentiments may overlap, but as with all of the 'memories' in this expanded chapter they are told in their own style and mostly as first person and very personal accounts. [Ed.]

## Memories of the Early Sixties at SMU Pat Hickey

When I arrived at Saint Mary's University in September 1962, I thought of myself as a pioneer, an adventurous kid from New York seeking an education in a foreign land. It didn't take long for me to discover that I wasn't alone.

There were 200 boarders housed in the residence at Saint Mary's, the overwhelming majority of them from the United States. Since we were on campus, as they say, 24 / 7, which in those days consisted of one building, we played a disproportionate role in student life and that was particularly true when it came to athletics.

Half of the players on the football team came from the U.S. and, in my three years at SMU, we had only one Canadian on the basketball team; even the hockey team had three Americans.

For most of us, the lure was an affordable quality education. Tuition, room and board was under \$1,000, although I was surprised when I paid my fees with U.S. funds and I was told I had to pay an additional \$40 as the Canadian dollar was worth more, something which might be on the horizon again by 2011.

There's a general tendency to look back on the past and see it as some sort of golden age, but I look back at the years I spent at Saint Mary's as the beginning of a transition for the school, with athletics an important part of that process.

Saint Mary's was a far different school in those days. While the university was administered by the Jesuits, the institution was owned by the Archdiocese of Halifax and there was a parochial, small-town feel to the school. With a handful of exceptions, the 750 students were male and the entire school population, other than those students referred to as 'day-students' (i.e., not living in residence), was housed in a single building.

There were open fields behind the school but there were no bleachers; football games were played at the Wanderers Grounds; soccer fans stood on the sidelines for games on campus, while basketball games were played in a cozy 800-seat gymnasium located below the Canadian Martyrs parish church. The gym also served as a venue for dances, assemblies and plays. It wasn't unusual for a basketball practice to be followed immediately by a drama club rehearsal.

The hockey team practiced and played in a variety of rented facilities, but that program was disbanded after the 1964 season for a number of reasons, but largely because it was too difficult and too expensive to arrange for ice time for practices. When Saint Mary's won its first national championship in 2010, I felt that I played a part in that victory. In the 1963-64 school year, I was vice-president of the students' council and one of the things we accomplished was the passing of a referendum to increase student fees with the additional money earmarked for the first expansion of the campus: a new library and a hockey rink, which paved the way for the resurrection of the hockey program.

Football and basketball both went through a transition in the 1960s.

St. Francis Xavier was the powerhouse in football in those days, but the Huskies narrowed the gap each year, with Bob Hayes guiding Saint Mary's to its first title in 1964, followed by the Huskies beating McMaster in the Atlantic Bowl.

That game produced an impromptu march through downtown Halifax. The local police weren't amused and attempted to control the crowd by singling out a student identified as a member of the student council. They put him in the back of a cruiser with a loudspeaker, expecting him to encourage the crowd to disperse. The plan backfired when he began chanting: "Go Huskies Go."

The 1964 roster included lineman Frank Archambault, who earned All-Canadian honours on both offence and defence;

linebackers Bob Ruotolo and Don Murphy also earned All-Canadian honours, as did fullback, Paul Puma, currently chair of the Sport Hall of Fame and a book project, for which this short memoir has been written. Both Murphy and Wayne (Red) O'Brien would go on to become the first Santamarian to play in the Canadian Football League with the Montreal Alouettes.

One of the things, which impressed me most about those football teams, occurred later in life when I ran into former Santamarians who had achieved great successes off the field. Frank Arment went on to law school at Queen's; the late Al Keith, whose parents gave me a home when I was a cub reporter at the Montreal Star, returned to SMU as the football coach and led the Huskies to their first national title in 1973; and Bob Ruotolo, who was a neighbor in Toronto, became a psychologist. Over the years, I've received press releases from the late Dan Skaling, while CBC announcer Steve Armitage and I frequently covered the same events. Dave Murphy went from medicine to the athletic director's chair at SMU, while another former quarterback, Dick Loiselle, who after football continued to pitch in the NSBL, becoming an advocate for disabled athletes. Today, when I watch the Huskies on their annual visits to Quebec, I can usually find retired educator Paul Puma in the crowd.

The basketball program took off with the arrival of Les Goodwin in 1963. He used his contracts in New Jersey and Pennsylvania to build a winning program. Goodwin expanded the schedule, recruited the school's first African-American player in Jim Daniels and offered fans a fast-paced offensive style. We never beat Acadia in my days, but we gave fans a quality effort in every game.

My favourite on-court memories were provided by Bob Healy from New Hampshire and Bob Leahy from Lewiston, Maine. Healy went head-to-head with Acadia's sharp-shooting star Richie Spears and held him to nine points in one game and zero in the rematch.

Leahy, who died of cancer far too young, set what was then a Canadian university record with a sixty-point performance against Dalhousie and also served up fifty-four in an overtime win over Saint Dunstan's.

Acadia was the one hurdle SMU never overcame and it's ironic that Brian Heaney, a fellow New Yorker who led Acadia to a national title in 1965, would return to Nova Scotia to coach the Huskies to the first of their seven national championships in 1973.

When I look at university teams today, I see athletes who are bigger, stronger and faster than they were in our day, but it's difficult to believe they were any tougher. Playing with pain was more than a cliché.

Al Schneider, a superb tight end, also handled the placekicking despite a broken bone in his foot. Schneider would hobble from class to class during the week but he would be on the field every Saturday with the help of a heavy-duty painkiller.

I can remember one basketball game when a defender came under me as I was driving for a lay-up and drove my head into the bottom of the backboard. The result was a nasty cut and a nauseous feeling. Today, athletes are benched at any sign of blood, but I was patched up with butterfly bandages and returned for the second half of the game. When it was over, I was getting ready to join my teammates for a post-game beer when the doctor told me he was taking me to the hospital for stitches and some x-rays to make sure I didn't have a fractured skull. By the time we finished in the emergency room, it was long past the 11:30 PM last call at the Lord Nelson.

Did I mention beer?

It was a post-game staple, both at home and on the road. There was a case of beer waiting on the bus after road games, which meant two bottles for each player. Since two or three players didn't drink, there were fierce negotiations for those extra bottles.

Road trips offered a chance for marathon card games - Mike Van Auken and I went undefeated in whist on one 10-hour trip to New Brunswick - sightseeing and pre-game meals that wouldn't pass muster with a nutritionist today. The trip to St. Dunstan's was always the toughest because there was no bridge to P.E.I. in those days and the ferry was a converted ice-breaker.

There was a definite home-court advantage in those days. Our gym was relatively comfortable, although there was a problem with the sun being in your eyes during Saturday afternoon games.

The Acadia gym was so small that you could trip over spectators as you ran along the sidelines. Eventually, the school was forced to move its games to the Royal Canadian Air Force base in Greenwood.

St. F. X. played at the tiny St. Ninian's community centre and it took a while to adjust to the sunken pit at UNB. However, the toughest games may have been at Mount Allison; Gus MacFarlane's teams may have been short on talent, but were long on desire - and there was a steady stream of anti-American comments from the crowd.

My one regret was that I didn't earn my first degree at Saint Mary's, but my goal was to obtain a job in journalism and, with the help of Bob Hayes and George Hanson, a Saint Mary's grad who was working at the Montreal Star, I landed my first newspaper job in 1965.

I later earned that B.A. - and played two more years of basketball at Sir George Williams University in Montreal - and later earned a masters degree from the University of Western Ontario. But when people ask me where I went to university, I usually tell them I went to Saint Mary's, proving the adage: "Once a Santamarian, always a Santamarian."

## An American's Perspective on Saint Mary's University

### Peter Grant

When one thinks of Canada, circa 1960, one feels cold and is reminded of hockey, fishing, ice-bergs, snow ... and even more cold. Many New Englanders knew of Canada through relatives, friends, and American history. Boston<sup>1</sup>, Massachusetts celebrates Evacuation Day every March, the day when occupying British forces left the city and returned to Halifax during the American revolutionary war (1773).

My reference year is 1962, when many important events occurred: the Beatles were coming of age (Ringo joined the band) and all high school juniors and seniors were deciding upon their futures. They contemplated either entering college or pursuing a trade, in order to live out the American dream.

However, all males upon reaching age eighteen years of age had to register with their selective service board (Draft Board) and apply for a college deferment (a 2-S rating) or if working, receive a ready-to-be-drafted (1-A rating) - meaning available for the draft. The 2-S rating gave one six years to obtain a four-year college degree. After that time had passed or if one's deferment lapsed (i.e., if one flunked out or quit school), a 1-A rating was immediately applied. This situation loomed ominously over everyone, and as the United States became more involved in Vietnam, the need for more troops was escalating.

The decision to attend college was for the most part, an easy choice. However, thoughts of where to go, what to study,

1. Boston and Halifax have long and deep connection<sup>^</sup> based largely on emigrations of the Irish, who originally left Canada looking for work. But it was the tragedy surrounding the Halifax Explosion in 1917, which cemented that connection, prompted by a major relief effort in supplies and medical personnel arriving from the "Boston States", forming a bond between the two. That bond was reinforced over the years and is symbolized in a 40-foot Christmas tree being shipped from Nova Scotia and lit annually in a special ceremony upon the Boston Common. [Ed.]

and how to pay for college kept me up at night. In the 1960s, there were no personal computers, cell phones, or the internet, currently so omnipresent in our lives, was well into the future. National and local information was delivered via television, newspapers, and telephones, but more than anything else, word-of-mouth was the vehicle of choice ... friends, family, and casual acquaintances each contributed words of wisdom.

School catalogues were available, but offered very limited information beyond the basics: course numbers, graduation requirements, and class fees. All schools required a written application processing fee, school transcripts, and the obligatory SAT scores. My decision was made based on informal discussions with local students in Dorchester, Massachusetts: a Jesuit run school in Halifax, Nova Scotia sounded very intriguing.

The fact that it was very affordable made my choice rather clear: applying to Saint Mary's, site unseen, as I did not have money to make a pre-admission visit. I was accepted and contacted Coach Hayes about playing football; and was invited to a pre-season camp in the late summer of 1963.

I packed up for a four-month stay, obtained my draft card and driver's license, then proceeded to the airport to board a Trans-Canada Airlines flight to Halifax rather excited for my journey to begin. When I de-planed and entered the airport, there was no one there to greet me... so went outside to hail a cab. I ended up sharing that cab with Father M. J. O'Donnell, a theology professor at St. Mary's; it was a fortuitous meeting, perhaps an omen of something good.

Reaching SMU, I stood alone with my bags, wondering what to do and where to go. Dick Giordano walked towards me, and after a welcome greeting, promptly showed me around the campus. That's where I met fellow football players; Archie (always smiling), Butch Burke (large and wide), Jim Crane (tough

as nails), Paul Puma (Piles). Coach Jim Bayer (a mild mannered man) and Coach Carver (a yeller) were also in attendance; they were ready to start camp the following week. Then it was off to meet Coach Hayes, fill out the necessary paperwork, and pick out my equipment.

Coach Hayes was very reserved with a medium build, dark curly hair and a mischievous twinkle in his eye. I heard that he was tough, but fair with all his players. (He always treated me well save for the banana cream pie at Tom Sweets' restaurant). He was friendly and quickly joked about all of his American players on his team (all six of us). He proceeded to explain the differences between the American and Canadian football games, then asked for a verbal commitment to play 100 per cent: to always give our best. I grabbed my gear, found a locker, and returned to the dorm to fill out more paperwork in order to play.

My roommate was Butch Burke, a massive presence and we played side by side that year. He was friendly, funny and a good defensive tackle. We often went to Diana Sweets to eat and observe the local sights. We walked up Robie Street, down Spring Garden Road, arriving at the Lord Nelson tavern, a famous landmark that was a favorite of locals and out-of-towner's alike.

On Monday, at 6:30 AM, the door opened to the sound of yelling and metal clanging as the players prepared for the morning drill - running for one mile! It was a struggle but Coach Bayer encouraged each of us to push on and complete our mile run. After the run, we had breakfast and rested up for the afternoon work-out sessions. Twice a day was the common schedule for training camp.

Excuses were not acceptable and definitely not tolerated, but as 'boys will be boys', the pranks soon began. There was water poured under doors, items suddenly set ablaze, complaints about the cafeteria, followed by curfew checks. The Dean of Men, Father J. J. Hennessey, patrolled the hallways at night like a soft

dark shadow and insisted that each of us be in our rooms - curfews existed all week - 8:30 PM daily - and infractions of the curfew meant extra laps, with the more serious ones being dealt with by Coach Hayes himself. He could be very tough in those situations; a classic example of a self-made man.

As the season progressed, the weather became much colder around mid-October - and we prepared for snow to arrive at any time. In fact, the Atlantic Bowl that year was played in six inches of snow.

As the team bonded, many strong friendships were formed and we performed much like a well-oiled machine on the field. That first year we were 6-2, with six consecutive shutouts - a record that still stands!

The following year, with graduation losses, there were the inevitable changes, but in 1964 our record was 7-1 and we won the Atlantic Bowl trophy - a first for Saint Mary's. The war in Vietnam continued, and one's draft status was only insured by continuing one's education, so grades and GPA's factored into everyone's mind with each semester, class choice, and exam results.

As time marched on, the draft statutes time-window weighed heavily upon everyone. Many of us felt that we had to get our degree and head home to get on with our lives ... staying in Halifax was definitely not an option. I thoroughly enjoyed the time that I spent at SMU and in Halifax; and especially remember nearly freezing to death when the temperature was minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit (*that's -32 C today; bloody cold on any scale*) in the during the winter of 1966 - for three straight weeks!

Many of my old friends, fellow players, and coaches have passed on, and I bid a fond adieu to those that remain; some of my best memories of my early life were from my Canadian experience.

## Epilogue: Changes

- The campus at SMU was adding more buildings and didn't look as much like a prison<sup>1</sup> anymore.
- The Maple Leaf flag was introduced.
- Halifax had more than two T.V. stations.
- That old arch-rival, St. F. X., no longer ruled the roost.
- Our gold M's became more than just a letter.
- *Age Quod Agis* still retains its meaning.
- We helped change the course of sports at SMU.



The university rink, parking lots and the north-east corner of the Saint Mary's University campus. The SUB is visible in the lower left corner, while a small piece of the artificial playing field is visible in the lower right corner. [Photo by Joe Chrvala - shot from a high rise residence on the south end of the campus]

1. Today many would admire the rather elegant and classic architecture from this era, especially with the landscaping, upgrades and buried cables. However, such designs are far too expensive to replicate in the 21st Century.

## A Life Altering Journey to Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia ... Canada!

Rev. A1 Brown



A1 Brown, 2011  
Induction Ceremony

On a stormy morning in September 1966, I began what would become a life-changing journey. Off to college! My first time ever away from parents and home. A lump grew in my throat as I waved goodbye to mom, dad, sisters and brothers and moved towards the Eastern Airlines Electra awaiting me. The lump disappeared as soon as the family was out of sight and the plane rose into the clouds. Off on an adventure! The clouds were so thick it was as though the world had been erased;

everything was blank. After a changeover in Boston, I boarded an Air Canada Vickers Viscount along with Clem Maynard, a former high school foe, and now we are both rising Santamarians. After the powerful flight of the Electra, the Viscount ro-oo-ll-ll-ed along the runway and I thought it would never gain enough power or speed to take off. It eventually did, but I never believed it had enough lift to remain in the air. I later learned that the Electra model had some serious problems and several had crashed; I also learned that the Viscount had one of the best service records in aviation history. Had I known about the Electra's record, I would have walked to Nova Scotia. Oh, I was going to go ... *I had to go! Four younger brothers and sisters at home ... I loved them but I had to go!* As we approached Halifax and the Viscount drifted below the clouds, we hit turbulence and the plane bounced around like a rubber ball. I held my stomach, Clem held his, and we were sure that we were going to die on our very first day of flying ever ... we didn't die!

The process of finding my way to Saint Mary's and Nova Scotia was and still is fascinating to me. One day, my high school coach, Ioe Gaines, called me into his office and said there was someone who wanted to meet me. It was Coach Les Goodwin of Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. We talked and he arranged to speak with my parents. Upon his visit, my father remembered Coach Goodwin from his days as a coach in Linden - my father had been a high school football player in nearby Cranford. They shared stories about the Givens boys, renowned local athletes of an earlier era and Coach Goodwin shared stories of the success of Jim Daniels, another Lindenite, who was enjoying an excellent athletic career at Saint Mary's. I applied and was accepted at St. Mary's; it was an easy decision, "I'm out!" I was leaving home to attend a school, which, for all that I knew, was in the middle of a pine forest and buried in snow. (That was the prevailing belief about Canada in our area at the time). We had little money so I had only applied to few local schools, so St. Mary's was like a dream come true. What many never knew was that I had also received a visit from Stu Aberdeen, the esteemed basketball coach at Acadia University. How he had heard of me, I never knew.

Clem and I were met at the Halifax airport by basketball team captain Rick Dougherty and Coach Goodwin. Beginning this new adventure, I guess it was appropriate that it was a dark, dreary, rainy night. We entered the city and checked into the residence halls. Since most of the residents had not arrived so now I was not only away from the family and in a strange place but I was alone.

As time went on more guys arrived and moved in to the dorm. At some point it occurred to me that there were no girls. Coach did not tell us that Saint Mary's was an **all male institution!** When I called home and mentioned this fact, my sister responded: "What does it matter to you? You are square anyway!"

As time progressed there was an ongoing tug of war between the sadness of leaving home, the fears of the unknown new world, and the excitement of the new adventure of being a college freshman. I

inherited two roommates, Phil Duffy a former pro baseball player from Hamilton, Ontario and Peter Dunphy, a slightly built chap from Corner Brook, Newfoundland. Next door a big fellow from Ottawa moved in. It was a future (and very temporary) teammate, John Cassidy. Yes, that very same John Cassidy, who left Saint Mary's during the fall semester and showed up on the court and classrooms of Dathousie University the following year.

Halifax was an unusual place to a young man from the New York Metropolitan area. It was as if one had stepped back in time ... the electric trolley buses, the beautiful Victorian homes in the old south end; those accents and the Nova Scotian cliché, "eh?". I was fascinated by the old trolleys which were actually buses powered by overhead electric lines. It was puzzling and somewhat amusing when riding a bus that it would suddenly go dark and come to a complete stop. At that point the driver would leave the vehicle, proceed to the rear and reset the electrical conduction poles onto the overhead wires.

I recall going downtown to Barrington Street on the weekends to a little Chinese restaurant, Ming Toy, which wasn't the most upscale place, but they served great tasting food. In those days you could not get down to the waterfront, as it was occupied by factories and fishing boats. One could always "smell" the catch of the day wafting up from the harbor; I quickly grew to love this new world.

Life began to flow as classes began and I met new friends; the transition and the emotional tug of war continued, but the university and the community began to grow on me. A strange thing is that a number of classmates from the 'states' and from Upper Canada all made light of Halifax and its people, yet today it is amazing how many have been converted by those same people and the culture of Nova Scotia. Many of us return regularly, while those who were originally reluctant to return but eventually did, regretted that they had not come back sooner. Many of us took home degrees and wives, while some dropped anchor and made the Maritimes their homes.

Early in the fall semester people would approach me and ask, "Aren't you the guy from the states who came here to play basketball? As I shook my head yes, I said "No! I came to get an education but I do happen to play basketball." I soon met the rest of the basketball players: Captain Rick Dougherty, a flashy ball handler, Mike Van Auken (a very smart player), John Mills (John was a very strong and aggressive individual who made me work very hard every time we tangled in practice), Joe O'Reilly (a sharpshooter), locals Brent Sabeau and Mickey Ryan, fellow rookies Clem Maynard, Terry Murphy from Newfoundland, Bill Harper and Charlie Decker from Ontario, as well as Jim Daniels from my hometown of Linden, New Jersey. Jim was just far enough ahead of me in high school that he was like a hero my friends and me. It was both a pleasure and privilege to now be his teammate at Saint Mary's.

Today's students might not believe how different things were back in "the Dark Ages". Saint Mary's had a dress code! Imagine - a DRESS CODE ? ! Jackets and ties every day for everything: classes, meals... I mean EVERYTHING! I recall getting up early on one Saturday morning for breakfast, the best meal of the day. I wore PJs with a collar; I washed up, put a tie over my PJ top, went to breakfast and returned to bed.

We even had a curfew (say it again slowly, c-u-r-f-e-w) - we had to be in our rooms by eleven PM, while the Roman Catholic students were required to go into the hallway at precisely eleven each night to recite the Rosary.

One night I was in Clem's room talking and suddenly realized that it was after 11 PM. I rushed towards the door and as I touched the handle a little voice inside said: "Do not go out there!"... "Clem. Can you check the hallway?" He went out looked to his left and then the right. His head snapped quickly back to the left as he stated, "Hi Father Hennessy!", while I sat inside having a heart attack - in those days we respected rules and authority. A few minutes later the coast was clear and I fled quickly

and quietly downstairs to my room. I had no doubt that Father Hennessy knew that I was in that room *Mercy is a good thing*.

I had the privilege of meeting a number of locally prominent individuals within the black community. First among those were the Downey family: Billy the owner of the famous Arrows Club; Graham - who became the first ever Black city alderman; and David, the Canadian Middleweight boxing champion, whom I count as a friend to this day. Some of the local families practically adopted some of us who were away from home; single-handedly, they practically wiped away any homesickness that remained. Our adopted "aunts" always had a smile, a cup of tea and some cake at the ready.

The brotherhood of Santamarians was also phenomenal - we were like a family, with the athletic teams all supporting one another; we attended all of the football, soccer and hockey games.

Basketball season began. I will never forget our first road trip. We traveled to a tournament in Maine. My roommate was Dusty Miller, our manager. Dusty went out that evening. I was sleeping when he came in and decided that he wanted to have conversation. That was fine except that when we stopped talking he went to sleep and began to snore... I was awake all night!

I did not learn until many years later that coach had us begin every game on the stage end of our court, which we affectionately called "The Pit", as it was in the basement under the Canadian Martyrs Church, which at that time was on the campus at the rear of the McNally Building. This, I learned recently from Carol MacLean, was due to the balcony end of the court supposedly being one inch lower than the stage end - and coach figured that we had a slight advantage if the opponents had to go "uphill" during the second half.

However, we could not begin practices until mass had ended so we would sit on the stairway leading into the gym until we saw people leaving mass.

The basketball season went fairly well. Utilizing a fast break offense and the full court press, the fast-paced game of Coach Goodwin was exciting and often drove our opponents, often used to a more "civil" form of basketball, crazy. We were a high scoring team; one exciting game against St. Dunstan's University (later combined with Prince of Wales College to become the University of Prince Edward Island) became a shoot-out that we won 144 - 113. Once Rick Dougherty attempted a three quarter court "pass" to Clem Maynard and "swished it"! We went 10-2 for the season and tied for the league championship with the University of New Brunswick Red Raiders. The final playoff game at Mount Allison University was a barn-burner: we fell short in a 67- 62 game - a bitter close to a good year.

I thought that all went well my first semester... until I saw my grades! I was very proud person, so beginning in January, I cancelled all thoughts of a social life. I practiced B and B (Books and Basketball). I was in survival mode! I made sure this situation never became a problem again.

My first year in Halifax confirmed one of the American prejudices about Canada ... it snowed in November and the ground was not seen again until April.

The Fall of 1967 was the beginning of my sophomore year. The basketball team had lost Rick Dougherty to graduation as well as several other key players. The Huskies were a significantly smaller team. Returning were league scoring leader and perennial all-conference star, Jim Daniels, Joe O'Reilly, Mike Van Auken and me. Donnie Harris, who had been on the '65-'66 team, also returned to SMU. And we added new talent, among them Dennis Reardon of Hamilton, Ontario. Dennis was a fast moving, good shooting guy who dispelled the notion that "White men can't jump!" (Can I say that in this publication?). Then there was freshman Billy Thomas. Billy was a fast, aggressive point guard who may be the most intelligent guy I ever played with. Other rookies included Bill Alcorn (Moncton), Phil White and John Jarvis (both from Ontario), Eric Atkinson,

John Bond (Dartmouth) and Neil Lacombe. John Jarvis could run like the wind and he would lap everyone during running drills ... well... almost everyone: I was too proud to let him run circles around me so I stayed on his heels. That was no easy task, but I ended up in the best condition of my career.

Dick MacLean came aboard as an assistant coach. Dick made me his personal project and taught me much as I began to grow as a player. He, and his wife Carol, and I became lifelong friends.

Dalhousie and Acadia were very highly rated teams nationally and favorites to top the league. The Saint Mary's team was not the most experienced, but as time went on we became a very close knit unit with a lot of guts. We were a determined and persistent bunch - I think that we even surprised ourselves. Coach Goodwin was a wizard and pushed all of the right buttons, and SMU fought Dal and Acadia right to the bitter end.

One Sunday in 1968, I was invited to dinner with the family of Bruce Bourassa, a big 6' - 7" center for Dalhousie, whom I had come to know. We had a nice time and I enjoyed meeting his family. Sometime later; during a game, things became "a bit intense". On one occasion Bruce shouted, "Hey, we're friends!" I responded, "Look at your jersey. Now, look at mine. You have on the wrong color!"

St. Dunstan's again provided some real excitement. In a game at Charlottetown, we played against the then named "Saints" (later they would become the UPEI Panthers). They had a great centre by the name of Jim Fitzgerald, whom I believe had a shield around him, as anytime we came within two feet of him we were called for a foul. When the game ended we had five guys fouled out and everyone still on the court had four. Poor little Joe O'Reilly was covering Big Jim at the end. We won the game 100-99 and they had a shot in the air at the buzzer! Whew!

In those days we crossed the Northumberland Strait to PEI via an icebreaker, a real experience for us city boys. It was a six-

hour bus ride, although we once flew there in twenty minutes! Today there is the Highway 104 toll road and a world class bridge to the island, with the trip to Charlottetown no more than a three hour drive from Halifax.

We closed the conference season again at 10 - 2. We tied Dal for the conference lead and defeated them in a playoff at Acadia 51-50, becoming the first Saint Mary's basketball team to win a conference championship.

Off to Antigonish and the CIAU tournament! The Huskies had overcome two giants to get out of the conference, but still received little respect at the nationals. We were pitted against the University of Western Ontario Mustangs. It was a hard fought game, which provided one of the great highlights of the year: early in the second half, Western had a 14 point lead, but SMU went on an awesome 24-0 run. We burned the cords (made all of our shots) and dominated the boards on the way to victory. This catapulted Saint Mary's into the National Final. [On a personal note: it was in this game that I took down 24 rebounds; it was only years later that I learned it was a tournament record that still stands today]. We played the undefeated Waterloo Lutheran (currently Wilfred Laurier) University Golden Hawks. In a real battle we came up on the short end of a 67-62 game.

We left Antigonish very sad, but Saint Mary's was now on the basketball map! I still cringe at the thought of that loss, but in reality we had a lot to be proud of... no one had believed in us except us. We slew two giants and came within a hair of taking down the third. We were the mouse that roared!

It is amazing to think of how drastically the world changed during those years. We were in the midst of the great Civil Rights Movement, as we witnessed tremendous social upheaval and the tragic assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy. The USA was in the midst of the Viet Nam War.

The ugly head of racism and hatred had exploded in the heartland of our lives. It was the beginning of a great awakening

for our generation. We had lived through an extremely peaceful and prosperous period of time and now ... How could people be so filled with hatred and so wedded to avarice and a social system that exploited so many for the few?

This was the first period that my generation witnessed so much change and challenge to the status quo, which certainly needed changing. My friends and I were so focused on our emerging adulthood, personal liberation and the opportunity that a college education could provide that we more or less looked these events from the fringe; that was particularly true for those of us in Canada. With one eye on the headlines we studied and played ball.

The harsh reality of current events hit home for me upon returning to New Jersey for the summer of 1968, just weeks after the death of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There were riots in the nearby cities of Newark and Plainfield. One evening a carload of us were heading to a park in East Orange, New Jersey, noted for great competition in pickup basketball games. As we turned a corner passing through Newark on the way to the game, (with me thinking why did we have to take this route?) sure enough facing us were National Guardsmen with these huge tanks and rifles ... nervous was an understatement. A carload of young black men riding through a riot-torn city... Oh boy!!! Fortunately we cruised through without incident.

Halifax itself was undergoing change as well. Events, some of which were the residue of the American scene, influenced social issues in Nova Scotia; among those was the controversial dismantling of Africville. In the midst of this, it was quite clear to many of us who were students that we had to remain focused on our educational endeavors. It also helped that sports were a highly significant part of our life experience at that time.

The '68 - '69 basketball season brought the inevitable annual changes: Jim Daniels and Mike Van Auken, our captains, were both gone. Big John Mills returned, and we added 'jumping jack' Mike Chambers, Ray Venema, a big guy from Williamsport,

Pennsylvania... well not exactly: he was from "Montoursville" ... well not exactly... from Loyalsock... well not exactly... well... an area just outside of Loyalsock [Didn't think I would remember all of that did you, Ray? ]. Ray was a good guy. The team also welcomed Steve Eldridge, Steve Bennett and Keith Caborn.

I recall that some of us had the job of cleaning the gym and rest rooms: one week we accidentally put too much oil on the mops used on the floor.... we slipped and slid all week in practice. No matter how much dry sawdust we put on the floor, we could not correct the problem; I was glad we had no home games scheduled that week.

We had a guy on the team who did not believe in washing his practice jersey. It literally stood up in the middle of the locker room floor by itself!

We played well and were close to Acadia until we suffered a bad loss to them late in the season, en route to an undefeated conference season. That was the only year during my tenure at Saint Mary's that we did not share a piece of the conference title, finishing the conference at 9-3. UNB was always a thorn in our flesh on their court, but we did defeat Dal twice though... Sweet!

Coach Goodwin was a delightful man for whom I have the utmost respect. He was very intense but had a wonderful sense of humor; he loved coaching and he loved his guys. He was extremely knowledgeable about the game; it was fascinating to listen to him analyze the game and our opponents. He instituted several strategies that I did not believe would work, but work they did... and marvelously well.

At times, he would become upset during a game and kick the bench, with those on the bench bouncing up reflexively. Sometimes coach would become so fired up he would turn beet red - and that was scary! He seldom was upset with us but most often at circumstances; Coach was a fine mentor and a good friend.

At the close of every season Coach and Mrs. Margaret Goodwin invited the team to their home for a dinner party. Mrs. Goodwin and her mother, 'Nana' Berry, prepared a huge feast - they treated us like family.... Oh, did I Love those folks! Years later, I had the sad privilege to eulogize Nana Berry.

Later, during a visit to Halifax, I wanted to visit coach, when someone suggested the best way to see him was to be at "The Green Dory" in the Halifax Shopping Center at noon. I would arrive early and surprise coach as he walked in; we had many fine reunions.

The 1969-70 season was my senior year. After the disappointment of the prior season, we were hungry! Joe O'Reilly, the Huskies all-time leading scorer graduated, along with Don Harris. The team returned Dennis Reardon, Billy Thomas, Mike Chambers, Ray Venema, Donnie Carroll and me. A transfer rookie, out of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, was an old high school teammate from Linden, New Jersey, Luddy Bartkus. Luddy was a tough and experienced ballplayer; he and I had played with or against one another since we were about eleven years old. In our senior year, our LHS Tigers went 25-2 and won the conference, county and state sectional championships. We also added local St. Patrick's High School star Dave Harris (Donnie's younger brother), John Whetstone (a fast and flashy guard), Dave McPherson, Phil Carney (a real tough and talented player) and Bill Bellingham (another Ontario product). Coach McLean also returned after a year in Vancouver. This was a very deep roster, but it took a while for us to jell, but we got it together and had a good conference season. The season was a real dog fight. We finished 10-2, tied with Dalhousie ... again ... but beat them in a playoff at Acadia's War memorial Gym, 51-50 on a shot by Billy Thomas in the closing seconds to win our second conference championship in three years. Our trip to the CIAU tournament in Hamilton, Ontario was not the most successful and in the words of Forest Gump, "That's all I have to say about that."

In my time at SMU we competed against some fine athletes: Larry Archibald, Brian Peters, Kevin White, Tom Beatty and John Cassidy from Dalhousie. John was as strong as a bull; we had some huge battles on the court but he was a great guy! Others included Rick Eaton, Steve Pound and the great Brian Heaney from Acadia, Keith Coupland of Mount Allison, John Gabriel from St. Francis Xavier, Jim Fitzgerald at UPEI, Dave Nutbrown from UNB ... and more. We had lots of fun, won some real wars on the hardwood and with pride represented Saint Mary's University well, both on and off the court.

St. Mary's had sometimes been referred to as "the jock school", but you couldn't prove that by my recollection: of all those I played with on several SMU basketball teams, several became teachers, at least one became a lawyer, another a navy pilot, a college administrator, a school principal, several successful businessmen, a clergyman, an engineer and a police detective... among those that I recall.

I graduated: leaving Halifax and Saint Mary's much like New Jersey a few years before - with a lump in my throat; fantastic memories, many good friends, a degree, and soon afterwards, a Nova Scotian wife.

Looking back, I often think fondly the Saint Mary's legacy I remember: football players such as Ernie Turek, Paul Puma, Frank Archambault, Dick Franklin and the unforgettable Rudy Street among others.; the feisty Sam Selatile, Pete Bovell and Steve Woolridge from the soccer team; Chuck Goddard, Brian O'Byrne and Mike Hornby from hockey. And of course the icons, Athletic Director and football coach Bob Hayes, soccer coach Roy Clements, Bob Boucher (hockey), Frank Baldwin (basketball), Elizabeth Chard... and first and foremost, Father J. J. Hennessy. What a privilege to have known and experienced the wisdom and support of all of those great Santamarians!

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## Saint Mary's University ... in Her Own Words

Debi I. Woodford

Sports Information Director (1972 - 1987)

My first sports memory at Saint Mary's University wasn't of the Huskies, but rather the symbolic and now famous Canada-USSR hockey series. Director of Admissions, Leo MacDonald, had a television in his office and I kept sneaking out of my office (I had worked in the Registrar's Office for a few months) to watch whatever scraps of the final game I could. About mid-third period, a large group had congregated around and were glued to that small screen, witnessing one of the greatest sporting moments in Canadian history. When Paul Henderson scored that goal, there was a whoop and roar heard throughout the campus hallways!



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Standing in Exhibition Stadium with SMU's brand new head coach of the women's teams, Kathy Mullane, in November, 1973, in a driving rainstorm we watched the Huskies capture their first ever Vanier Cup. Kathy was wearing a new pair of angora mittens, purchased that morning as the temperature had dropped significantly, and at game's end, she was wearing bits of angora over her face from attempts to wipe the rain from her face throughout the game. I'll never lose that image - of jubilation at our victory and laughter at the ruined mittens! During that game, the announcer was booed mightily when he invited SMU fans to the covered side of the stadium - we were already drenched and quite incensed that anyone would think we'd even consider not sitting behind the Huskies' bench!

lumping up to celebrate a Huskies' goal against arch-rivals University of Toronto during Canadian hockey semi-finals (March,

1974) only to hit my head on the overhead beam and render myself unconscious; I've always looked above before sitting down at any event after that unfortunate incident. Late in the third period of the final game of that series - the home crowd went wild with excitement when the Huskies went up by two goals but the ever-wise Elizabeth Chard commented, "I don't like this"; neither team had been separated by more than a single goal throughout the entire series. Chard was right - the Huskies once again failed to get past U of X whose Varsity Blues won yet another playoff round.

Attending a Vanier Cup reception with Bob Hayes (November, 1988) and responding to his query about the 1974 Atlantic Bowl final score when the Varsity Blues beat the reigning Vanier Cup champion Huskies. Hayes lost his bet to the stellar 1974 Blues running back, when I unknowingly confirmed Mark Bragagnolo's assertion that the Huskies lost by a larger margin (45-1) than Hayes had believed.

The 1974 season drew a record number of recruits to campus to try out for the Vanier Cup Champion Huskies. Following that season, Coach A1 Keith and I were gathering promotional materials for him to take on a December, 1974 recruiting trip to Ontario. It was during this task that we discovered an egregious typographical error that I'd made (and that no one had corrected) in the training camp invitation letter sent to 125 potential football players. The letter should have read, "Room and *board* will be provided." Instead, I typed, "Room and *broad* will be provided." Yes, the letter went out and for years after, A1 and I joked that the exceptionally large turnout that year was more likely a result of that typo, and not because the Huskies were defending national champions!

### Women's Sports had arrived:

1975-76 was a stellar year for women's basketball; it was the year leading up to the Montreal Olympics when women's basketball was to make its debut as an Olympic sport. Saint Mary's, just two years into women's varsity athletics, was fortunate to attract two Olympians to attend the school and play for the Huskies: Donna Hobin and Carol Turney. It was a very good year when I didn't have to beg for press coverage for women's sports!

Accompanying the 1977 field hockey Huskies to Montreal for the Canadian semi-finals and trying to interpret what rookie Sue Maloney (now Halifax Councillor Uteck) was referring to when she mentioned an incident in the "ling-ur-ee" department while shopping with her teammates. Accompanying the team that evening to a St. Catherine's Street nightclub and, after paying the cover charge, realizing that we were the only women in the club!

Running over to the Huskies' dressing room in the McNally Building moments before kick-off to obtain the required starting line-up from coach A1 Keith. One of the players in the hallway yelled, "Coach is inside. Just go in." Without further thought, I barged in and faced players in various states of dress/undress. In a millisecond, I made my decision from the available options: (a) run in the opposite direction and keep running, (b) try to disappear into the floor, or (c) get what I came for. I instinctively chose the latter, knowing it was my only option if I were to maintain credibility with players and coaches and continue working at SMU! Besides, the game couldn't start without that line-up!

Standing in the Grand Parade on a chilly, overcast day in 1980 waiting for Terry Fox to arrive. Little did anyone in attendance know then what a Canadian icon and worldwide inspiration he would soon become. Sitting in Huskies Stadium in 1982 watching Rick Hansen capture gold after gold in the VII Pan-American Wheelchair Games and having a sense, but not the full picture, of the man who would go on to complete his Man in Motion tour and raise global awareness of the *abilities* within the term disability.

The new "M" Huskies logo was designed and launched during my time at SMU; several mascots were designed and introduced: and several Public Relations Directors came and went, each with varying degrees of success and all with very distinct and different points of view about varsity athletics. The Gorsebrook Lounge was built and became a campus hangout for students, staff and professors. I worked under Bob Hayes for most of my years at SMU, but also for A1 Keith when he was Acting-Director

during Hayes' one-year sabbatical in 1979-80 to work for the federal Ministry of Sports and Fitness (coincidentally perhaps, that was the year Huskies Stadium acquired funding for its artificial track and turf), and finally for Ian MacGregor who knew more about and had more interest in the intra-university than the inter-university world of sports. There were initially separate regional and national athletic governing bodies for men and for women under such names as "Atlantic Inter-university Athletic Union" and "Atlantic Women's Inter-university Athletic Union", but then the men and women sensibly merged under the name, "Atlantic University Athletic Association", which has now evolved to "Atlantic University Sport".

There were discussions amongst Atlantic delegates following the annual general meeting of the Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union in the summer of 1973 when the "three foreign-trained athletes" rule was enacted as a direct result of Saint Mary's winning the Canadian men's basketball title that March with a number of Americans on the roster - and because the Atlantic Universities were vastly outnumbered by Ontario schools in votes. Subsequent discussions revolved around whether it might be prudent if Atlantic schools left the CIAU and joined the NCAA as Division II or IE schools. Of course that never happened, and the Atlantic schools thereafter learned to lobby, bargain and hard-sell for what they wanted, led by none other than Bob Hayes. As a direct result of that lesson learned well and because of shrewd Atlantic negotiators, Halifax became home to the Atlantic Bowl and the men's national basketball championships for many, many years.

The foregoing brief anecdotes are but a sampling of my memories of the 70s and 80s at Saint Mary's University. It was the age of disco dancing and big hair. I remember in 1979 being captivated watching the first music video I'd ever seen. There were no cell phones, no Internet and no iPods or iPads. Word processing began in the mid-80s at the most basic level with floppy disks and continuous-form paper printers.

We, the women of Saint Mary's University, have traversed a long and obstacle-laden road since May, 1973 when Kathy Mullane came on board. Title IX passed a year earlier in the U.S. Senate, and momentum north of the 49<sup>th</sup> was starting to gather speed. The transitional 70s took us down paths and places we'd never been but always wanted to be. The women's athletic program had been a tag-on, or after-thought if you will, to the men's well supported and recognized varsity program. Second fiddle was no longer acceptable and the worldwide women's movement bolstered female athletes and administrators in their fight for equal footing on the playing surfaces, locker rooms and offices at Saint Mary's University. Women spring-boarded into the "we've arrived" 80s with momentum, an abundance of skills and a firm resolve to ascend to the equality podium. Women arrived in the 90s with panache, talented and very serious about their athletics and their place on and off the field.

There were firsts for SMU women: I was the first female Sports Information Director in Canada and a founding member of the Association of Canadian University Sports Information Directors, while Elizabeth Chard was the first non-athletic director and first female President of the national governing body, CIAU (now CIS), serving two consecutive terms. Saint Mary's, along with Dathousie, iced the first Atlantic university women's hockey teams in 1976, although Saint Mary's accomplished it with volunteer coaches and precious little regular ice time.

There were many at Saint Mary's who believed in and fought to promote the cause of female athletics. Bob Hayes, legendary Football Coach, Athletic Director, Director of Student Services - but a few of his positions at Saint Mary's, and Elizabeth Chard who became the first female President of the CIAU, were two power players in the boardrooms and back rooms who brokered deals at the national level to advance the rightful place of women in athletics. Kathy Mullane spearheaded the charge from the coaching and later the administrative ranks, digging in her heels and never letting go of her campaign for adequate funding and fair scheduling. I, from my

vantage point, was determined to win recognition for women by making it evident to the virtually exclusive men's press club that I was here to stay and that women's sport was worthy of coverage. Along the way, there were a multitude of others who built the solid foundation for future generations, including every single woman who donned Maroon and White and all those who took their places on the sidelines, but none so long-standing as Hayes (1959-1992), Chard (1961-2005), Mullane (1973-2010) and Woodford (1972-1987).

What an outstanding adventure to have lived through a period of sports history when women fought for and were accepted as peers by their male counterparts. It was, on one hand, akin to a coming of age for women; on the other hand, nothing short of simply achieving what we already knew we could do - stand shoulder-to-shoulder with men.

The first step on that long road belongs to none other than Bob Hayes who championed women while 'strategizing', bargaining and negotiating with the big hitters. More importantly, perhaps, Bob Hayes hired, tutored, encouraged and promoted women in every aspect of athletics. He identified strengths in all those he hired and helped to develop the ancillary skills needed to not only succeed, but to excel. He certainly gave most the impression that he favoured male varsity athletes, but I was witness to some of his generous and extraordinary acts towards women in sport. He never took credit for any athletic successes achieved by men or women at Saint Mary's; he simply revelled in the glory and always expressed his pride for SMU athletes and coaches in his big grin or nod of recognition.

I came to Saint Mary's as a yet untested youngster in 1972, a few short years after the Jesuit institute of higher learning admitted women to its hallowed halls, and quickly challenged Bob Hayes over the "free skate" periods - no sticks or pucks were permitted, but men continued to use the period set aside for free skating to shoot pucks. Hayes could be, at the very least, imposing and intimidating, but that didn't stop me from going toe-to-toe with him. Shortly thereafter, he hired me as his secretary because he

knew I would be able to take on the men's world of athletics. Well, that and because Leo MacDonald told him I knew sports, and that I was a Navy brat (at least that's what Hayes always told me). Leo MacDonald used to see me arriving or departing with my lacrosse or hockey gear and always stopped to chat. Bob Hayes soon recognized my sports knowledge, resilient character and aptitude for writing and organization. He saw the perfect combination for a sports information director and didn't hesitate to promote me when the position became vacant. It was a steep and difficult learning curve, but I never hesitated until the job was done and done to the best of my ability, due in large part to Hayes' belief in me. A full, tough year passed before the men's press club accepted me as a colleague, but thereafter it was dear sailing. There were, however, promotional flops, most notably the *Go Nuts with the Huskies* campaign when walnuts were painted maroon and white and sold for one dollar a pair to fans for the purpose of banging them together to make a ruckus and cheer on the Huskies. It quickly became evident that paint was beginning to flake off and that fans would likely attempt to crack open and eat the nuts covered in toxic paint!

Dr. Owen Carrigan, during his tenure as President, mandated Bob Hayes in the early 70s to add a women's basketball program to the athletic line-up but without one vitally key component - the requisite additional funding. That and subsequent meetings might have been the right time to be a fly on the wall as the technicalities of such an audacious and near-impossible directive were masterminded by the two heavyweights in order to become a reality and put women hoopsters on the SMU court.

One of the hottest showdowns (and near-disaster) occurred during the inaugural women's varsity season in 1973-74 when some university administrators (both male and female) believed it was time for the women's teams to give up "Huskies" and to adopt their own name. An intense and prolonged search found no other suitable name for a female Huskie, and the "Belles" of Saint Mary's was forced upon the reluctant women, who showed up at their next basketball game wearing jingle bells on their shoelaces,

ringing loudly throughout the entire game. The name "Belles" was abruptly dropped, "Huskies" returned, and there was never (other than a brief 1977 revisit of the name) another whisper of women identifying themselves as anything other than "Huskies".

Elizabeth Chard was most notable for her responsibilities as Registrar at Saint Mary's where she provided her vast knowledge and leadership. She oversaw the annual logistics and mechanics of ensuring every student-athlete's eligibility. She began taking on more and more responsibility until she was recognized as an expert and became the second nominee from Saint Mary's to regional and national athletic associations (the other having been Bob Hayes). She was elected President of the Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union (now CIS) for a second term as a result of her exceptional first term. She was at the top of her game when either deciphering, enacting policies or when adhering to principles.

Kathy Mullane was a champion coach, administrator, dedicated to her athletes and women's sports. She brought a sense of fair play and never, ever backed down in her fight for funding, facility time and recognition for women in sport. An all-star athlete, Kathy arrived on the scene fresh from her high school teaching stint at J.L. Ilsley and graduation from rival Dalhousie University, but didn't hesitate to jump right into her new role as head coach at Saint Mary's, brilliantly coaching her teams to conference championships, thereby raising the bar and leaving decision-makers no choice but to continue to accept and advance women's sports. Kathy stepped into a culture where sports were a priority, winning was customary and expected, all of which made it easier for her teams to fit in and excel right off the mark.

Reflecting on the period spent at Saint Mary's University, I can best summarize by emphasizing what a remarkable and wonderful era it was at the Robie Street school in south-end Halifax with a small enrolment but a huge sports presence, when the men's varsity program continued to dominate and excel, and when the women's varsity program came into existence, challenged for championship glory almost immediately and rose to the top rung with their male colleagues.

**Dr. Elizabeth A Chard ... my mentor, my friend!****Bruce Ross**

In April of 1975, graduating from Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Commerce, I was twenty-seven years old and my grandest achievement to date was as the Class of '75 Valedictorian. I had started at SMU in 1968 at twenty years old. The seven years between the start and the end would have given Robert Frost a lot to write about... I had lost count of the number of forks in my road, and while I often took the one less traveled, it was heading nowhere ... that is, until the spring of 1973.



But before I explore those years between 1973 and '75, the last two years of my journey through business school, I'd like to establish why those two years were my 'road less traveled', and why for me it did make all the difference. Especially I wish to illustrate how one educator became my mentor, and ultimately my close friend. And that was a good thing, since I was a long way down the wrong road when I met her...

In my earlier years I had been a troublesome student... held back (we used to call it failing) in both grades eight and ten I was also expelled from twelfth grade after an altercation with a teacher and the principal... this after being kicked out of countless classes. I was a sometime athlete ... sometimes I played well, but never to my potential. By this time I was hearing what had become a typical refrain... "I know you can do it" from both coaches and teachers... I had lots of potential!

After expulsion, the Superintendent of Schools mentored me and helped me prepare for Provincial Examinations, which I passed. By the time I applied for and was accepted at Saint Mary's University I was already twenty years of age, but again after two years, I had proven nothing to my professors. My high school mentor couldn't

save me from myself ... I had fallen back into the original mold... a subsequent letter from the SMU Registrar stated that I could not return to Saint Mary's in the fall.

Working in a nickel mine at 1,400 feet below the surface, making \$4.65 per hour, plus 'stope money'<sup>7</sup> is really tough. In that year out of university, I quickly learned what I didn't want to do for the rest of my life. One night we had a cave-in at our stope, our drill gear was crushed... I ran like hell, all the way to the safe room... later I took the lift to the surface, and boarded the next train south to Winnipeg determined to find a way back into SMU.

In 1971, I talked my way back into school - there was a new high-rise residence and they needed students ... but it was clear that I was on a short leash. I actually worked at my studies enough that I achieved a 'C' average overall grade. But I was still unhappy, argumentative and disruptive in class. Several professors and Father Hennessey counseled me, but I decided to leave school... this time, on my own.

After another year in the trenches, I was definitely on a better path, but it was a road to 'no-where'. Again, another educator intervened and mentored me back to SMU in the spring of 1973... he suggested should I return to Halifax and meet the new registrar, I could likely get back in, even with my poor marks. Since he was the President of



**Elizabeth Chard,  
with bouquet in hand**

the University, I decided to listen. With hat in hand, I took another fork in my road, and drove to an appointment with the *new* registrar.

Most people who are still alive as I write this in 2011, and have been associated with SMU, have heard the name Elizabeth Chard, registrar! There are as many different impressions of her, as there are people who knew her. For example, even though this

was only her first year as registrar, she could already rattle the players on the hockey, basketball and football teams, more than could the coaches like Bob Boucher and Bob Hayes... in fact, she could even rattle the coaches! And even at that early stage in her career, she could bruise you with a look and / or her silence... when she thought you deserved it. These were traits that would serve her, the university and hundreds of students well, over the ensuing thirty-three years.

With the background above painted of myself, it was done to illustrate how she could also change a student's future, especially students such as me, even ones who were not athletes, through my experiences with her. You could easily exchange my name and background with that of hundreds of other students who would encounter Elizabeth Chard. There were students with academic genius, athletic prowess, average, poor and atrocious marks... and there were her projects. I was one of those projects! Yes she could stir fear when it was appropriate, but she could also mix in an amazing degree of insight and compassion... sometimes we needed both.

Perhaps there are readers who are unaware that Mrs. Chard had been a history professor in an all men's Roman Catholic university - a school that was operated by the Jesuit order, perhaps better known for its sports teams than its history department. Mrs. Chard had graduated from the despised, aross-town and somewhat uppity, Dalhousie University, and was also the chair of a Presbyterian Church in Halifax. She had been Dean of Women in a university that until 1968 was an all male institution. With all of those perceived negatives one would think the odds were against her, but she had not only prevailed as a professor, but had become the registrar ... she was the person who now was the gatekeeper of the venerable, Roman Catholic Saint Mary's University and announced "yay or nay", especially with respect to borderline students.

It was at this 'gate' in the spring of 1973 that I arrived... a borderline student who had, in three years of study, passed less than half of all the courses taken. In a way, I had good reason to believe that I had done nothing to deserve a break on that fateful day.

Certainly Mrs. Chard did not make it easy for me: a month went by after that first interview - was she making me sweat or what? I prayed that she was just really busy. I do know that her first leaning was to reject me ... commenting in the first interview, "If you don't care about your education, why should we?" I recited to her, my mantra ... "I'm 25 years old, I've learned all the things I don't want to do for the rest of my life." Still, she wondered (out loud), "Can you get your grades high enough to raise your average to graduate?" All of those early failures had added up! SMU had moved to the GPA system, and I was very low on the scale, perhaps too low to recover? Years later, I was to learn that with students like me, the question she mused over wasn't 'welcome or not', rather it was 'ready or not'. Sometimes it takes students longer to know what it takes to excel in life ... I was one of those!

There was a lot happening in my life at the time, but I would have done anything to be back in school. But, that wasn't about to happen until another meeting with Mrs. Chard. I had pushed hard on every button I could think of as I was trying to get in... I made all sorts of promises to her... and as it turned out, she remembered every one! However, I would learn to keep them.

Finally, I received a letter that I had been accepted back into SMU; now the question was could I get out again?

She set about indoctrinating me as a 'project' for that first year back ... at first it was the professors I could learn from and the courses I should take. "Are you spending time prepping for classes?" -I could even hear her in the back of my mind. Once I was studying on my own, she began to get me involved in student activities... even putting me on the student disciplinary committee! My Mother joked about that move, saying "You on that committee is like the pot calling the kettle black". But that committee forced me to interface directly with Mrs. Chard ... learning due process, learning about people, and learning

that others have problems as well. And, together, we helped some students through some difficult times. I observed her compassion, but she taught me that sometimes 'tough love' may be better than letting compassion get in the way of 'what would be best'.

She encouraged me to run for one of the university's two Senate seats reserved for students. That was a life's education in a year - seeing all segments of the university work toward shared goals was awesome. I would never have considered being on the Senate, yet just Mrs. Chard mentioning it was enough to energize me toward that goal.

There were some very tough days in my life that year ... 1973. Yes, I was learning a lot, participating in student campus activities, making what would become life-long friends and so on. However, by the late fall, I was feeling very confused again....

Mrs. Chard had seen this with other students and had learned how to turn such confusion into constructive energy. I could be walking near the Registrar's Office in a funk, and just knock on her hallway door, and if she was not in a meeting, she made time to listen, often influencing the outcome of the crisis that was causing the funk. I can't recall all of the times she helped me through the crisis of the month ... there were so many. Other times I could be walking through McNally and hear her coaching someone on some admission issue or another, and if she managed to catch a glimpse of me, I could feel her eyes looking into my head wondering what I was up to. Sometimes, even when she wasn't around, I imagined her asking me, "What are you up to?" ... with that 'look' only she could give. When I listened (in my mind) to my answer, and instinctively knew it wouldn't cut it with her ... it was time to adjust!

The next year flew past! I had become an obsessed student and achieved some very good marks in business school. I give the credit for the turn around to the three or four educators who didn't give up on me, but especially Elizabeth Chard. When I

walked the stage for my baccalaureate presentation, I looked at this unique Registrar with a special twinkle in her eye and smile of satisfaction ... "Just the favorite part of my work", she would tell me years later.

When I graduated from the university, my education with Mrs. Chard (soon to become Dr. Chard) didn't cease; there were countless times when I would write notes to her, and always receive one back. Once e-mail arrived in our domain, we traded them regularly... exploring the concepts of my business and the university. She continued to show an interest in me (and numerous others) and always invited me to drop in when I would visit Halifax ... and I did. Each time I would fly home, I would head to Halifax and knock on that same door on the strip of administration offices now called McNally Main. Then I would go to Truro to visit Mom, back in the right frame of mind to take on the world.

She continued to help me work my decision processes through the ensuing thirty-three years I knew Dr. Chard. On occasion as I internally debated a change in jobs, or strategies in my work, and I would explain it to Mrs. Chard. Often by the end of the session, the solution was found in my own words ... and she would simply smile. She had the confidence in me even during those times I lacked it within myself.

During those visits we sometimes spoke about other students that she had taken an interest in ... and she had a special pride in her often 'quiet impact' on the lives of unique students. She took a special interest in student-athletes. When she was the President of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (she was one of only three women to be president of the CIAU/CIS, and the only president to hold that post for four years), she brought that experience with her, making scholastics a pillar of the student-athlete concept ... and understanding the need for all-round education for everyone. David Sykes, a Rhodes Scholar from SMU in 1994, was the ultimate achievement of that ideal.

Being a Saint Mary's graduate for over thirty years, I went to McNally Hall to visit Dr. Chard, and we continued to discuss ideas of interest to each of us. By then I was contemplating a return to Nova Scotia to assist my mother as she aged. Dr. Chard convinced me to join the Executive MBA program at SMU during my retirement, helping my understanding of why it would round out my career... and the cycle began again: I would drop in on her, then in her new role after retiring as Registrar.

In many ways, even in 2005, little had changed; she still had joy in helping students through their challenges. She still had the twinkle in her eyes when someone thought they were putting one over on her ... but she knew better - she had a special advantage of knowing things the rest of us didn't. Sometimes it was an unseen hand that helped an athlete or resident student who was struggling; there were times on the Huskies road trips where Mrs. Chard would tutor students when they had questions on a wide range of subjects, or needed help with a paper. And for me, her support and advice meant that finally, I had taken the fork in the road: "the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference". (Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken*)

In the thirty years, dating from when I first graduated in 1975, to my return as a graduate student, Dr. Chard became well known as someone who attended SMU sports events, both at home and away! This was one of her core passions... watching students of every ilk, but especially Huskies teams, WIN!

She had influenced countless young men and women, athletes and otherwise, through her leadership and by opening doors for them. And she was able to do much more than that by keeping a balance with her special interests, as she did in her life. This balance and her ability to compartmentalize all of those special interests seem to have allowed her to attain even more influence in the athletics arena. One could never suggest that she favoured athletics or athletes, as she showered so many other 'compartments' with her favour. None of us could complain ... we were all special to Elizabeth Chard.



The building above with church steeple, currently known as McNally East, was the former church/chapel at Saint Mary's University, with the gymnasium underneath, often referred to throughout this publication by members of former basketball teams coached by Frank Baldwin and Les Goodwin. Today it houses an auditorium and reception area on the upper level for official functions. (Photo by Frank Mitchell)

**SMU: Memories from 1979****Alain Beaudoin**

Some of my most enduring and endearing memories at SMU occurred in 1979 during my first year at the university. Having successfully made the varsity soccer team, I was surrounded by great players such as Ross Webb, Jimmy Sidey and Manuk Nazaryan to name but a few, and expectations were nothing less than a Canadian University Championship. Our first game of the season was at St. Francis Xavier in Antigonish, and as the only rookie in the starting line-up, I was playing a position I had never played before ... right wing. I was a natural center forward or a center mid-fielder depending on what was needed on previous clubs or all-star teams, but there was no way I was going to displace forward Ross who was the holder of several university scoring records the previous year and midfield was locked-up tight with senior players. Nevertheless, I was ecstatic to be a starting forward and hoped to prove myself worthy of the selection. During a stoppage in play I peered down at the SMU logo on my jersey, kissed it and got goose bumps ... then smiled to myself ... I wasn't dreaming. I was attending university and playing for SMU. If only my family could see me now. Then I sheepishly realized if someone had seen me do that it might have looked rather weird.

The next wonderful memory occurred during my first year once again at our first 'home' game. I had previously heard of Father Hennessey, who was a SMU icon and a devout fan of all SMU sports, but I had never met him. His reputation was one of a kindly, generous father-figure, to all students. After dressing in our 'strips', polishing our 'boots' and listening intently to some last minute instructions from 'Coach Clements' before the game, Father Hennessey walked in, asked us to bend to one knee and offered a prayer. All of

the players had gathered together, head bowed, in the middle of the locker room; it was a moment etched in my memory that I will never forget. Years later, I realized how lucky I was to have met 'THE' Father Hennessey and have his blessing prior to our games. I never failed to acknowledge 'The Father' when I passed him in the hallways or during his dorm visits. It felt great to be an athlete at SMU.

**NOTE:** Alain Beaudoin wrote three stories for this publication ... each had a strong connection with *Coach Emeritus, Roy Clements*. One of those is presented here; the other two, in the judgement of the editors were a good fit with the section on Roy Clements in the chapter on Men's soccer, which is organized around the three, perhaps four, coaches who guided the varsity program for the last fifty years. See more on pp.225-27 [Ed.].

**Memories of Roy Clements and Soccer in the '80s****Costa Elles**

I spent five incredible years as a student-athlete at St. Mary's University between 1980 and 1985; during those years we had the one of best teams in the nation, with the team receiving many awards. Without soccer at SMU as part of my life, it is doubtful that I could have gone through University as a student ... for sure it would have been difficult to imagine life without it. In addition, it was a life rewarding experience spent with an individual that helped shape each of us into who we are today. In the next few paragraphs I will recount several short stories of my experiences with St. Mary's University, and in particular with my coach, Roy Clements.

For those of you who knew Coach Clements, you will remember a man always sporting SMU attire standing on the sidelines leaning on a crutch staring at the game - strong and silent. His best work was conducted not on the field, but in a tiny corner office where his players gathered to chat about soccer or life

in general: never a day passed where a lesson was not taught or learned. That is where we became a team!! Each of us will have our own special memories of Coach, but these stand out for me.

I first met Coach Clements on the last day of soccer camp at St. Mary's University as a newcomer to Halifax via Toronto. Needless to say my introduction to him was very brief as he was a man of few words. That evening, we proceeded to the training field, which was located behind the rink in those days; it was a tough session, on a muddy field. Those sessions were always intense, but regardless of the level of difficulty, each and every player had a smile on their face. We were preparing for the first game of the season against Dalhousie. That didn't mean too much to me, having just arrived from Toronto, but apparently it meant a lot to Coach and the Huskies. Practice had finished and Coach gathered everyone around him for a brief inspirational talk, when he pulled out a garbage bag filled with a bunch of black and 'pukey' yellow shirts and shorts. On this muddy day, he lined the team up and began to yell and scream at the team to step, jump and stomp on the Dalhousie colours. By the end of that 'session', those shirts were buried in the mud and the players were so pumped up, it literally shocked me. I stood back looking at this event as somebody who was still an outsider thinking, "This guy has lost it!" I had never seen anything like this before and I remember going home that night shaking my head as I thought it was a regression to my childhood years. What I didn't realize was that was the beginning of building "Huskies pride"

Another memory I would like to share is one of Coach in his "uniform", leaning on his crutch during practice. What was unique about this vision is the simple fact that it was the stance that I'd come to appreciate and fight for.... I recall getting up off the ground after some hard exercise, tired and beaten up, but I was ready to do it all over again because I would not dare complain to a man who stood there endlessly in pain (that he continuously suffered as a result of his illness) making sure we were game ready. Coach Clements was a hemophiliac who, I

believe was put on this earth to give us a hard time and to show us how not to complain; to take every day as it comes and fight with conviction, passion, strength and tireless loyalty.

It pleased me to observe the following after a victory in a big game against St. F. X. early in my days at SMU. When the team was gathered together, Coach stood up and raised his arm and each of us on one knee with one raised arm touching his; then Coach began to say a prayer of thanks. I remember going back and saying to my father (a priest in the Greek Orthodox church), how touched I was about Coach Clements' motivational prayer of thanks. Several games later after another very hard game which resulted in a loss, I followed the pack to the change room, kneeled on one knee, raised my arm high in the air waiting patiently for the prayer of thanks and to my surprise ... I think it was French ie who whispered ... "get up, Coach never prays when we lose".

Another memory that helped me realize that this strong, hardy leader had a human side as well - it occurred when we were heading to Montreal to play in the Eastern Canadian finals against McGill University. The team had never seemed so excited ... finally we would have our chance to perform on centre stage and put our record winning season on the line against a very polished McGill team. The practices leading to this showdown were very intense, very extreme. Now all the work had been completed and we were off to Montreal. Now picture the aircraft, row 17: I'm in the aisle seat, when to my surprise Coach insists on having the middle seat; the plane was about to take off; the smiles on the players faces were endless. I turned to look at Coach, bent over in emergency crash mode, whispering in his chosen rich English vocabulary, mumbling a few choice words about how much he enjoyed flying, when he proceeded to pull out a pint of Johnny Walker scotch, downing most of it in a single gulp.

I will never forget the numerous drives home with him, day in and day out, in complete silence; the meal tickets handed out

at his corner office in the sub-building; Coaches bony legs, bag of huge teeth, his stubborn ways, the loyalty to the colours, but most of all, I'll never forget the lessons in life that helped each of us become men.

With the greatest respect to each of the coaches that I have had throughout the years, and there were indeed many great ones, there was only one true "Coach". Roy Clements was, in my lifetime, that "Coach" for me - the one that I respected, admired, held the highest regard for... and for whom I would have literally gone to war.

My Saint Mary's Experience

- another great coach (Larry Uteck); another great memory!

Jadranka (Jad) Crnogorac

During my five years as a Saint Mary's Huskie, I built endless memories and met life-long friends, but what I'll always remember most about Saint Mary's is the strong sense of community and belonging.



Jad Crnogorac

Although I graduated more than ten years ago, I continue to have a special bond with the Saint Mary's community. As an alumnus, I first experienced this strong sense of community during the CIS men's basketball final in 1999.

During the final game at the Metro Centre, the spectator section was packed with future students, current students,

and people who had graduated from Saint Mary's many years earlier. Sitting next to me during that game was an elderly man me who spent the entire forty minutes cheering and chanting through his fan horn. It was amazing to be among so many with such incredible Huskie pride.

One of my fondest memories as a Huskie comes from my final year of school when I made it as a final-five candidate for the national Howard Mackie Award. The award ceremony took place in Calgary, Alberta; I was thrilled to have the opportunity to represent my school and its athletics' department at such a prestigious event.

When it came time to go to Calgary, the late Athletic Director, Larry Uteck, not only flew me out to the event, but he also flew out my mother so she could enjoy the experience with me. Larry also made the trip out to Calgary to show his support and to celebrate the occasion with us.

From the time I began at Saint Mary's, Larry and I always had a very special relationship. He was so supportive of my athletic career, and constantly went above and beyond the call of duty



Jad > AUS Female Athlete-of-the-Year at Saint Mary's, Larry Uteck, AD at 1997 Howard Mackie Awards in Calgary, Alberta,

to ensure I could be the very best student-athlete possible, and that my time at Saint Mary's was the best experience it could be.

The time in Calgary with Larry and my mother was nothing short of perfect... one could not have asked for more. As we explored the city, we were able to truly spend quality time together. Larry went out of his way to plan activities, day-trips and special dinners to ensure this trip would be a lasting memory for me. At the time, I had no idea just how special this trip would be; I was unaware that Larry had been recently diagnosed with 'Lou Gehrig's disease' (ALS).

While Larry knew that we would not have another opportunity for such an experience together, and that his time was limited, he chose to wait before informing me in order to ensure the trip to Calgary was everything he wished for me. I will never forget his unselfish, loving nature and the incredible memories he helped me build and retain. Larry taught me what it meant to be a Saint Mary's Huskie, and I will carry that with me always.

### **Saint Mary's University: a MacLean family point of view** **Carol MacLean**

My first contact with SMU was in the fall of 1963. As the newly arrived Women's Athletic Director at Dalhousie, I attended a meeting with Ken Gowie, Dai's AD, where I met Bob Hayes and Father J. J. Hennessey. The meeting discussed cross-town rivalry and several related incidents of concern. I was included because the three felt that "sometimes young women influenced the actions of young men and that I should deliver a positive message to the women athletes at Dalhousie, there being no women at SMU at that time".

This was the beginning of a wonderful and nearly fifty-year relationship with SMU. Later that fall, I met Dick MacLean; we married the summer of '65. In 1968, Richard our eldest son was born; Father Hennessey visited us in hospital, blessed

Richard and claimed him for SMU. The next day our perplexed minister from St. Andrew's Church visited and said, "The nurses in the nursery told me that Father Hennessey blessed your son. What is going on?" Dick's reply was any child of ours will *need* all the blessing he can get!

In 1965, I became the SMU swim coach as well - they had one swimmer, Doug Sitland, who had approached Hayes wishing to enter the championships. Well-known in the Maritimes, he trained with the Dalhousie team that I coached. At Christmas the YMCA, where he had previously competed, held their annual meet. No one involved was aware the intercollegiate association had a rule in place that if you competed for another team you could not represent your university. Saint Mary's did not want to pay his entry fee for the 'Y' meet so they suggested 'you've always competed, just swim for us'. Consequently, he was declared ineligible and the appeal was denied; thus ended any hope for swimming as a Huskie !

Two other incidents stand out. The War Memorial Gym at Dal flooded and the women's basketball team needed to practice as play-offs were imminent so Hayes graciously offered the SMU gym. At the appointed time Hayes, wearing a black turtle-neck, let us into the gym. As we left the gym one of the girls looked at Hayes and said, thank you father. He replied, 'Bless you my daughter' and the general consensus was, what a nice priest Hayes was! The second incident involved Father Hennessey: during the hockey playoffs, some Huskie fans had spray-painted the Dal rink. Father Hennessey arrived to discuss this matter and while Ken Gowie fumed, Father Hennessey said, now Ken, all Santamrians are good, but to find that speck of good in some you have to search long and hard. The culprits were punished and SMU won the game.

Husband Dick became the assistant Basketball Coach for Les Goodwin in 1966. Les played a major role in the transition of basketball at SMU. Coach 'Goodie', as players and fans called him, knew basketball inside and out. His fast break style, his system of half and full court presses, his trap plays and his zones, both

offensive and defensive were unique to Canadian play. He changed the style of basketball in high schools throughout Nova Scotia and the Maritimes. Giving freely of his time to young athletes, Goodie could often be found taking part in camps and clinics. In fact, when our second son, Robert was born, Dick and Les were at the St. F. X. summer camp as guest instructors. Dick's comment on our new arrival was that Tacky<sup>7</sup> (John McFarland) has nine kids and there is less confusion in his home than in ours with two!

Goodwin had contacts with all the greats of basketball. He talked regularly to John Woodin, Al McGuire and Dan Kennedy. Sometimes he received advice and sometimes he answered questions and made suggestions - it was true two-way exchange of ideas. One day, with several players in his office, Goodie answered the phone. "Yes, John", he said, "I can certainly



**Dick MacLean (L), with Dr. Ken Ozman. University President (seated)**

show you that trap play. Good luck tomorrow"! After the call ended, Coach said to the players, "That was Woodin; he heard about the trap we are perfecting and had a couple of questions".

From 1963-66 the Huskies did not make the playoffs, and although in '66-'67, UNB defeated Saint Mary's to win the league title, the team left the court determined to have a better season the

following year. Al Brown, re-bouncer extraordinaire, recalls a game at St. Dunstan's where "everything we put up went in; Rich Dougherty threw a three-quarter court pass to Clem Maynard who swished it. We won 144-113; defense anyone?"

The 1967-68 Basketball team was the first team in Saint Mary's history to reach the CIAU finals. Team co-captains, Jim Daniels

and Mike VanAuken, kept players focused on their goal of winning the league championship title.

At the end of league play, Dalhousie and Saint Mary's were tied, so a playoff game was required to settle the issue, but a neutral floor was required for this game. No suitable gymnasium was available in Halifax so it was scheduled for Wolfville. In a close scoring, hard fought battle, SMU defeated Dal 51-50, but the story does not end there. Dalhousie left Wolfville quickly, while SMU took a little longer to board the bus. Just outside of Windsor, the driver of the Saint Mary's bus stopped as the bus carrying the Dalhousie team was at the roadside. Coach quickly moved the SMU team to the back of the bus, saying, it is too cold to let them wait for another bus. Remember how we would feel if we had lost... so in total silence the Dal players boarded the SMU bus and remained so until they were dropped off at the Dal gym. Needless to say, jubilation broke out as Saint Mary's players came to the full realization that they were headed for the CIS Championships in Antigonish the following weekend.

In Antigonish that small 'X' gym was packed to the ceiling, with fans squished together like sardines. The semi-finals saw SMU roar producing a 24-point run to defeat highly rated Western (UWO). In the finals against Waterloo-Lutheran, Joe O'Reilly missed four free throws in the last two minutes - doctors later discovered that he had broken his shooting hand while attempting to inbound the ball in the crowded gym. With no out-of-bounds area in which to stand, a Waterloo fan punched Joe; he raised his hand to protect his face, the fan was ejected from the game, but considering the final score of 66-61, many believe that the punch changed the final outcome.

What cannot be denied is that the '67-68 basketball team announced to the country that basketball at SMU was a force to be recognized. From then to now, the Huskies have almost always been a major player in CIS basketball.

Coach Goodwin, the bridge between Frank Baldwin and Brian Heaney had a strong faith and great sense of humour. Father

Hennessey and he developed a strong friendship based on faith, common experiences and interests. As for his sense of humour, he always wanted the east end of the gym in the first half because the floor sloped towards the harbour and it was "easier to go downhill in the second half."

**Meals at SMU:** During the late 60's Heinz Morstaadt, who became the owner of the Heildberg Restaurant (and others) invited alumni and friends to partake in the Sunday supper at the residence. This is where our older children learned 'restaurant rules'. Every Sunday Heinz would carve an ice sculpture to decorate the room and these caused great excitement among the patrons. For the families gathered amongst students there was always a warm welcome, for young and old Saint Mary's was then and is today, an extended family. No wonder three of our four children are alumni. They grew up at SMU in the dining room, on the playing fields and court, were always welcomed by the current student-athletes and were in awe of the accomplishments of those teams. I specifically remember one occasion when Richard asked A1 Brown why he had not washed his hands and when AI replied he had, Richard said, "But they are still black". Many life lessons were learned at SMU.

**Football:** The difference between the atmosphere at Saint Mary's and other universities was brought home clearly the year Chris Hynn was knocked out of the Vanier Cup by a concussion suffered in the Atlantic Bowl. Bill Scollard, stepped in to the quarterback position for the first time in his life. Varsity Field in Toronto, was surrounded by mounted police on the sidelines and towards the end of the game, following the custom of parents and fans greeting players on the field, several of us began to enter the grassed area. One officer said, "You're NOT allowed near the field"; I replied, "This is a SMU tradition and just because we have lost do you think we won't want to congratulate our team"? Two fathers of team members stepped onto the grass as the team came for hugs and chats, as Saint Mary's fans poured onto the field; fortunately the mounted officers maintained their positions. The officer who

had informed us we were not permitted on the field came to me and said, "This would never happen on an Ontario campus. The players here don't want to talk to anyone after the game". SMU's welcoming attitude is remembered long after memories of such games have dimmed.

During the ten years our sons were Huskies, many players visited our home and cottage and some even lived with us, one for five years. Coach Ken Goddard stayed during many seasons while he worked with the line. Our family learned and grew and from this sharing with so many.

**Remember:** Dominik Machek running around the field with the SMU flag every time the team scored; Vern Creighton ringing the bell, encouraging the crowd; Doug Wright and the gun run crew firing the canon after each touchdowns? Remember the Atlantic Bowl we lost in the final seconds to McGill when some player from Bedford, N.S. kicked a field goal for them? Remember beating Western in the Atlantic Bowl when Anthony Williams caught a Chris Flynn pass in the final seconds? Anthony and Andre's grandmother sat next to me that day and I was both excited and frantic ... she put her hand on my knee and said we will win, Anthony will catch this, and he did! Remember Elizabeth Chard, the first woman to become president of the CIS, working behind the scenes and at Atlantic Bowls making sure all was as it should be? Remember Father Hennessey, pacing and praying? Recall the warmth of an autumn sun, feel the winds blowing, leaves falling, tackles, blocks, runs and passes. Remember the defense shutting other teams down so the offence could play its part? Remember the after-game gatherings and the armchair quarterbacks? We could all coach from the stands! Remember the quarterback club luncheons where players and coaches attended? Remember the fund raiser, coach for a day? Hayes won the honour, but gave it to me.

There was great consternation amongst players as other winners had gone in the locker room pre- and post-game, as well as selecting one or two plays which were used if the

occasion arose. I chose two plays, spent the game in what was the functional press box at the time, but did not venture into the team room. Remember all the coaches, all the hours they contributed, not just on the field, but off as well, helping athletes become men? Remember the thrill of back-to-back Vanier Cup wins? Remember the trophy presentation to Larry Uteck?

Football History at SMU is long and storied ... as SMU faces the future. Remember Robert Hayes, as athletic director and coach ... and remember A1 Keith, the bridge between Hayes and Uteck ... may the voices and echoes of the past continue to be heard as Saint Mary's faces the future. Remember: pepper spray at Mount Allison; apples thrown at fans and players at Acadia; playing in the mud before the turf fields appeared; and games at the Garrison Grounds in Halifax? Remember to the first win over Laval, as David slew Goliath? Remember coaches 'Spook' MacLeod, Wayne Kirk, Stuart Francis, Ken Goddard, Lance Bulloch, Larry Stewart, Dan Pavlov, Pierre LeFebvre, Bill Robinson, as well as Anthony and Andre Williams. Remember Jim Czenze both as a player and an official? Remember John Landry, Paul Mason and all the "water boys" over the years? Remember too the medical staff and trainers, Dr. Charlie MacDonald, Dr. David Petrie, Dr. Gerry Reardon, Diane Webster and Chad Newhook. Remember the re-connection with old friends, new friends ... just remember!

Coach Blake Nil's time at SMU wrote history. Three back-to-back Vanier Cup appearances with two championships. Others may have more to say about this period, but unfortunately as the new decade unfolded, budget restraints began to impact all university programs. Learning to do more with less became the norm, something perhaps inevitable, but it put Saint Mary's and other Atlantic universities at a disadvantage when competing at the national level.

2005 was a difficult year for the MacLean family; it was a great privilege for Dick to be named honorary chair of the Uteck Bowl posthumously, but bittersweet that Acadia was the AUS representative. Former players and friends formed a committee,

raised money in order to present yearly, the Dick MacLean Leadership Award, to an outstanding player who has exhibited leadership on and off the football field. When deciding the criteria for the award, Richard and Ted were adamant that the academic requirement be "eligible to play". When asked why not a GPA, both stated how much time football players devote to their sport, both in and out of season... and if you knew our father, you would understand.

I would be remiss, if I did not mention two other MacLeans<sup>1</sup> who represented SMU: Neice Bonnie MacLean played basketball for four years and neice Heather MacLean played field hockey. Both were Academic All-Canadians, as was Ted MacLean (the Russ Jackson Award Winner). Today, in 2012, the next generation of MacLeans are ready to join the tradition!



**1988 MacLean Family: L-R: Ted, Richard, Carol, Dick, Robert, Holly**

1. As recounted in this memory, this was a true Saint Mary's family Dick, Ted, Richard and Holly are all SMU grads, while Carol, a UBC grad is likely one of the greatest SMU supporters, given her to association with Dalhousie (as their Women's Athletic Director, no less). Robert was a top notch competitive swimmer, so attended McGill on an athletic scholarship as a middle distance swimmer. [Ed.]

**Thoughts on the History of Women's Athletics  
at Saint Mary's University  
Helen Castonguay**

My memories of Saint Mary's women's basketball go back to the time when I was a player at Dalhousie University. There were times when the Studley gym was so busy that we simply couldn't get time to shoot and practice, so Heather Shute and I would head further down Robie Street to Saint Mary's, where Kathy Mullane would let us practice. However, it was likely a plot, no doubt discussed with Hayes, to get us to transfer there! That was how things eventually worked. Bob Hayes was a brilliant administrator with a big heart and big vision... and Kathy Mullane was intelligent, competitive, strategic, and passionate about women's sport. Kathy almost single-handedly - actually often more than that as she often had to fend off the *naxjsaxjers* as well - developed the women's athletic program at Saint Mary's.

Kathy entered a male dominated environment at Saint Mary's; there is no question about that. However, for the most part, the coaches that Saint Mary's attracted were connected to their hearts and they really made a place for Kathy there. They knew that she was as strong and calculating as they were and that she had integrity. Sometimes, in college sports, maintaining one's integrity is a huge challenge. It is an arena in which winning becomes so paramount that other very valuable aspects of competition can be overshadowed. However, Kathy maintained her integrity throughout and modeled ways of being competitive, while maintaining what is important in life for each of us. I believe that is why so many athletes had a heart-felt experience at Saint Mary's.

So, for me, Kathy Mullane was the face of Saint Mary's Women's Athletics. To be sure, coaches have come and gone through the years, but she established what Saint Mary's Women's Athletics was to become. Between Mullane and Hayes, i.e., - with Kathy's competitiveness and Hayes' strategic management of funds, they were able to develop a successful women's program on

a very tight budget. Those of us who worked in the women's program knew that - and our salaries then wouldn't buy a used Lada today. Kathy did everything: she coordinated recreation and intramurals; she often took care of the guys a lot of the time; she was there at all of the games and doing what was required, all the time coaching field hockey and basketball, while completing her other duties. She also supported male and female athletes in their academic and life choices; performed the necessary publicity and recruiting; and was involved in committee work with the AUAA. Coordinating a women's athletic program may sound glamorous, but at that time there was not much glamour in it ... it was a combination of hard work and dogged determination. And her job, at times, was made a lot more difficult by those who were dismissive of women's athletics ... the naysayers.

Mostly what she achieved was being left to her own devices to figure things out, but more importantly with little interference. Often she had to fight for the bare essentials and when that was lacking, made do with a great deal of creativity.

Kathy Mullane is the person that made this program happen and become successful, but always content in the knowledge she had Bob Hayes in her corner - endearingly baiting her with comments such as, *Yon call that a team, Mullane?* Saint Mary's was a place where there were some very fine locally recruited athletes, with a few drop-ins from Ontario, and often a few walk-ons as well, quite often discovered by Kathy as she scoured the campus in search of a few extra players to complete the roster. The recruited athletes who came to Saint Mary's were team players as well as athletes with a great deal of heart.

The Athletic Department was comprised of an interesting collection of individuals with a collective big heart ... for the most part. Although they didn't share dollars willingly, there was a lot of kind-hearted support. While that wasn't enough to run a successful program, Hayes relied on Kathy's competitiveness, secure in the knowledge that she couldn't 'not be competitive'... he knew he had

a gem. Kathy didn't do this for compensation; she did it because she was driven to be part of a great athletics program.

I recall when I played at Dal that we were involved in something that you might never see today, but which I wish we would see more of... we travelled to playoffs at UNB sharing a bus with Saint Mary's. Many of the players were good friends so we were all sitting together; it wasn't Dalhousie on one side and Saint Mary's on the other, or even a front and back split. The bidding war<sup>1</sup> over meal allowances story that ensued illustrates the level of competitiveness but it doesn't show the depth of it as Nancy would have been able to get Dal to cover it, but Kathy would likely have ended up paying out-of-pocket just to have been able to accomplish it - perhaps she did, perhaps she didn't; who knows for sure... but she would have if forced to do so, as that is who Kathy was... and is.

So Bob Hayes and Kathy got the program moving in a very interesting direction: it was a lot like the Olympics I *believe*, but without the slogan. I think most Saint Mary's women's teams felt like they could be giant killers, and at times they were. And even when they weren't, we still had a *belief* that we *could* be. However, all that remained on paper were the won-loss records and when one looks at those, e.g., 3 and 7 or 3-1-6, it might seem easy to conclude: "Well that was not a very successful season". But what if one has such a record where the 3, or the 3 and the 1, were the final games of one's season against some top teams who were not expected to lose? It is not a winning season, but the athletes themselves finish the season with a winning feeling. When one works with a team of players composed of a broad mix of talent: some of whom are highly skilled, some who might not make other teams and some who are *zmlked on* to fill the complement, and you bring them along throughout the season to a level where they no longer feel like the underdog, but rather they now expect to win. That's part of the magic that occurred at Saint Mary's and it is directly related to the energy brought to the program by Hayes and Mullane.

1. At this point Helen tells a slightly longer version of the bidding war recounted in this publication by Kathy Mullane and Kathy Ells (between Kathy Mullane and Nancy the Dalhousie coach) related to a supper allowance for both teams. [Ed]

The underlying energy of the Saint Mary's Women's Athletics Program as created by Mullane and Hayes was one that 'we expect champions'... such that a small school that once was for males only, without a Physical Education degree program, with a small female population, actually managed to develop a new women's athletic program that early on was very competitive against teams with long established programs and reputations. That happened because was an expectation that they would be champions. As an athlete at Dal playing against Saint Mary's I knew they believed they could win. Saint Mary's teams may have been seen by others as underdogs but I knew they always believed they could win. That always lurked in the back of my mind whenever we played them; they had the players and they also had heart.

Like many other student-athletes, I lived at Kathy's mother's house for a few years while I attended Dalhousie. When we played against Saint Mary's I usually arrived home first and Doris would ask, "Should I go to bed now or wait up?" Doris had a great sense of humour and if anyone had the opportunity to spend time with Doris Mullane it is easy to understand the genesis of Kathy's generosity.

If one researches women's athletics, most of the time what one will find is a chronological listing of team records and perhaps, in some instances, a complete roster. The things that are much harder to discern or measure are the Intangibles that had a great impact on the direction of programs such as the Saint Mary's varsity program. Kathy was a great strategist - that is why her teams could defeat others that often had more talent. When Saint Mary's went to the field hockey nationals in Montreal, she crafted the team strategies so effectively that the individual strengths of each athlete that the team as a whole truly became much greater than the sum of its parts. Although I could be mistaken, I truly believe it was because Kathy pushed each player to be the best they could be, without asking anyone to lose their individuality or their identity.

There was a real sense of camaraderie in women's athletics and there were some real characters. I mean there is only one

Darlene Moss man, there's no question about that. There is only one Diane Chaisson, one Kathy Ells, ... Kim Robson, Susan Beazley, Monica Mackenzie, Jo Dan Hayes, Anita Quillan, Kathy Hanrahan, Irene MacPhee, Karen McKellar, Michelle Doyle ... really only one Michelle Doyle ... one Sandra Mumford, one Michelle Gaunce, one Bonnie Estwick, and so many others.... Each of these athletes maintained their individuality, but as a group were exceptionally *tight* as team-mates throughout the years. What Kathy was able to do was draw players deep into their desire, their thirst for not only wanting be good athletes; they wanted to win, but mostly they longed to part of something bigger than themselves. For the most part the beauty of Saint Mary's women's athletics, as witnessed from an competitive athlete's point of view at Dalhousie, as well as from a coaches point of view at Saint Mary's, was the way the SMU athletic department, in particular women's athletics, provided the place for people to become and to feel a part of something bigger... something well beyond beyond the individual performer. That's about the greatest gift one can give or receive in life; that's the gift that A1 Keith, Bob Boucher, Roy Clements, Larry Uteck, Bob Hayes and Kathy Mullane, to name but a few of the best, gave to athletes at Saint Mary's. That was the gift those coaches offered their athletes - what a wonderful, wonderful gift!

Women's athletics has grown and established a prominent place within the university. Crucial to an understanding of SMU women's athletics is a recognition that both Bob Hayes and Kathy Mullane not only established the Women's Athletic Program, but also the expectation that it would be great place for female athletes to further their education. Some of the finest student-athletes came from that program and genuinely thrived during their time at Saint Mary's.

I would like to offer a big congratulation to Hayes, wherever you are now Bob, and to Kathy Mullane as builders of the program. As the school moves forward, hopefully some of these critical aspects will remain the same and Saint Mary's women athletes will always feel a part of something larger than themselves.

**Saint Mary's University:  
from the early 1950's to the present day  
John Bishop, "The Voice"**

Some have called me the 'voice of the Huskies' and perhaps for the most part that is true. I have been the 'voice' for almost thirty-five years as the stadium announcer at home football games and as an off-ice official at home hockey games. However, my love for Saint Mary's began long before I entered the hallowed halls as a freshman in 1969 as I grew up across the street on Gorsebrook Avenue, living there since 1955. Over that period two things were self-evident: I have become old and I've spent a lot of time in and around my beloved *alma mater*.

The neighborhood kids spent lots of time in the wooded areas, playing hide and seek, or playing pirates attacking one another with the sticks that we used as makeshift swords. We would climb up and down the, sometimes falling on the soft ground as there used to be a mud pile where the Rice Residence stands today, which would become very mucky when it rained, almost to the consistency of quick-sand. If we were to fall into it we would require help from others or remain stuck in the mud. At the time there was a chain link fence surrounding the campus, but we would dig a hole and scamper underneath to play so campus security had to be vigilant to chase us out on a regular basis.

The campus had the same parameters as today: Robie Street, Inglis Street, Tower Road and Gorsebrook Avenue, with very few buildings, lots of big majestic trees and green open spaces. Where the rink and Student Union Buildings sit today there used to be an old dilapidated three-storey main house (we called it the Mansion), which I was informed was the clubhouse for The Gorsebrook Golf Club that stretched throughout the south end of Halifax. Behind that was a long one-storey building which, at the time, stored a whole bunch of corkboard. It also was the location where the south end killer slept while on the loose; he had terrorized the south end for about a week, peddling his bike and shooting randomly killing

two or three individuals and seriously wounding a good friend of mine, who thankfully recovered from his wounds. Those were very scary days, and no one went out at night until he was caught. A few years later he escaped from the Nova Scotia Hospital (currently the East Coast Forensic Hospital) and the city went into a lock-down again until he was re-captured.

Before any buildings were constructed on campus, there were two football fields, once running east/ west. When the Canada Summer games came to SMU, the fields were permanently turned around so that they ran north/ south. Picture the second field where the Tower is today. Huge wooden stands were built facing the west field, perhaps twenty to twenty-five rows high, to accommodate the first ever Canada Summer games in 1969. Many, many tons of earth were trucked in to settle for over a year, in order that the concrete stands on the west side could be built. When finished the stadium held close to 10,000 spectators; when that games were held, Saint Mary's field was the place to be that summer! The featured entertainment included the group, *The Fifth Dimensbn*. Do you remember their big hit - *The Age of Aquarius*? They had other important singles but that was the big one that year. They performed those hits on a stage erected on the field and the place was a rockin!

We would play on that field any chance we could get. During the construction of the Vanier Residence, referred to as the "Low Rise", the external structure was completed, but the interior still needed to be finished and furnished. It was during one of those fun times throwing the football around on the field that the contractor approached and asked us if we wanted a job for the day. Not knowing what we were getting into we said yes. Our job was to lift the heavy wooden beds up to the fourth floor, as there were no elevators available. It took us most of the day with a lot of stress and strain! When we were finished the contractor paid us, commenting that we had done a better job than the Saint Mary's football players that he had originally hired, but who had quit on him before the job was finished. We felt very proud that we had done the better job and had stuck it out to the bitter end.

Another time, during the construction of the residence cafeteria portion of the Loyola building, blasting was being done to clear the rock to build the foundation. My brother and I were walking up Gorsebrook Avenue towards Robie Street en route to high school, when we heard three blasts of an air horn and a big boom. Looking up we saw a lot of debris in the air. Shrapnel was flying everywhere! What we didn't see was a rather large bolder coming right for us; it must have been a foot or two in diameter. Thankfully a tree branch above our heads deflected it just enough so that it landed at my feet and not on my head. If it had hit me there is no doubt I would not be writing this memory as I certainly surely would have been dead! Shaken and still shaking, we quickly ran up the street, afraid there would be more blasting and more flying rocks.

Since SMU field held more spectators than of any of the local fields in the region, the Atlantic Bowl was always held there. I had the privilege of announcing several Atlantic Bowls, the predecessor of the current Uteck Bowl. Back then it was a kinder, gentler time and, therefore, SMU would always host the big game. Using the same format as today meant the winner of the Atlantic region would play a team from either the central or western divisions and the game always drew a large attendance; it was the best football entertainment of the year. One particular year drew a larger than usual crowd. Bill Manley, a student at Saint Mary's and the in-house organizer and director of this event came up behind me, while I was trying to concentrate on my duties, asking me to announce that this particular Atlantic Bowl game had the largest attendance in Atlantic Bowl history. I announced that part, expecting him to advise me of the number. After saying the first part and turning to him for the number he mumbled, "I don't know but if s got to be a record." I heard folks below me in the stands say to one another, "Well whaf s the number, whaf s the number!" Bill was a bit of a wheeler-dealer, but also had a big heart for Saint Mary's.

Some of the local and married Saint Mary's football players would remain in Halifax during the summer, either working or taking summer courses. I would work on campus at many things, including desk clerk, lifeguard, or generally anything

I was asked to do. Every once and a while some of the 'boys' would assemble to play a friendly game of poker on Friday nights. David White, arguably one of the best centers that Saint Mary's ever produced and one of the nicest (and funniest guys) you'd ever want to meet, would organize the game. Other players, such as Mike Riley and Hector Poitier, along with Dave Randall and me would join in. Most were at least twice my size, very large men ... don't get me wrong, if I had been in trouble every last one of them would have jumped in to save me no matter what; this was just a friendly game amongst friends.

By the end of the night, at least once that I can remember, I came out ahead by about \$170. It surprised me because I really didn't play cards much and I'm sure it was pure first time dumb luck that allowed me come out on top. At the end of the night when the time had come to wrap up Dave, in front of everyone, loudly stated, "Well fellas! We'll meet again next Friday and you *ivill* be here won't you *BISHOP!*" The next week, as if fate had dictated, I lost all the money I had won the week before - and never went back to play again.

Bob Hayes wanted the rink built in time for the Brier that was to be held in Halifax in 1966. At the time it was "state of the art" construction and well-received by everyone involved. As there is a brook (the Gorsebrook) running underneath, over the years it has been difficult to keep a level surface, due to the natural heaving that takes place when moisture occurs during the frost-thaw cycles. I recall a time when you could literally lie down on one side of the ice surface, with someone doing the same on the other side, with neither person seen by the other: the lift in the middle was so bad! Then a concrete floor was installed, and later taken out - nothing seemed to work. Still the Alumni Arena was the place to be during varsity hockey games. As it held less than 1000 spectators, it was always packed to capacity, but the games were always exciting. Bob Boucher was hired by Bob Hayes, the Athletic Director, to forge a competitive varsity hockey team after a three year absence from varsity competition ... the only real plus in 1966 was that inter-fac hockey flourished with ex-

varsity and junior players among the various faculty hockey teams, which made for good spirit within the university. In 1967 Boucher brought in players such as Rod Bossy (Mike's younger brother), "Red Dog" Hindsen, Bobby "Moon" Mullens, Brian O'Byrne, Mike Hornby and Bobby Woods, to mention but a few. "Bouch", as he was known to by most, knew how to get the most out of his players. The games were always exciting and drew large crowds packed tightly into that rink.

Every complex, it seems, has a story or two related to it, such as when the Rice Building's exterior brickwork was sinking and had to be repaired. Or the McNally building's exterior was leaking when it rained and had to be fixed. An almost tragic story about the rink was during Steve Armitage tenure (current CBC sports commentator based in Vancouver) as the rink announcer prior to me. In those days safety wasn't as front page as it is today. There was no glass except at the ends, ending a bit ahead of the goal lines on both sides; beyond that there was no more protection. At one varsity game a player (I don't remember whether it was one of ours or theirs) slapped the puck as hard as he could around the boards in an effort to clear it down the ice. Steve and the scorekeeper were sitting along the boards in the usual place when the puck came off and nailed Steve on the side of the head. He went down like a ton of bricks, so much so that I thought he was dead! He's a pretty big lad but down he went - hard. The medical staff put a towel to his bleeding head and carried him to the dressing room to await the ambulance. Observing that event, I can state with certainty he was one tough but lucky individual! Eventually that potentially fatal incident led to better protection being implemented for fans, officials and players.

Varsity hockey seemed to dominate in those days. It was exciting and in that building, so very small for that calibre of hockey, the close checking and quick reactions made the games very special. I recall one time when two players began to scuffle in front of one of the penalty boxes, which in no time led to more players joining in. Even Bob Hayes, then Athletic Director, tried to become involved, his emotions getting the better of him. I

intercepted him on his way into the box where the commotion was taking place, requesting him to back off. For my actions I received a rather lengthy verbal dressing down, but stood my ground and advised him to get back into the stands, letting him know that while there was a game going on and in my capacity as an off-ice official this was my rink and not his! That seemed to startle him like a slap in the face! He turned around and went back to his seat. After the game was over he came down and apologized to me saying that he had no business getting involved and that I had done the right thing. I always admired Bob, not only as AD, but also as a friend as much in love with Saint Mary's as I was. We had many dealings over the years and after that incident at the rink we never lost respect for one another.

As youngsters, my brother Richard and I came to know the two rink attendants very well. One of them, Vern Creighton went to our church so he knew us as well; his house on MacLean Street would win awards year after year for its Christmas decorations. He and John Jones (Jonesie as he was known) would let us skate on the ice if it wasn't in use by the university or rented out. Originally we became rink rats and later goal judges. What characters they both were - at times they would be 'on shift' after having a bit of the drink, shall we say, and remember Vern backing the tractor out of it's station at the south-west side of the building, only to ram it into the side of the boards, causing considerable damage just before the start of a varsity game, but somehow those incidents seemed to just work out by themselves - nothing that a big metal mallet couldn't fix!

Jonsie was short in stature, always wore an ivy cap with a cigar firmly gripped in his mouth, the latter never anymore than perhaps two inches long. He would wave to the crowd as he manipulated the tractor around the rink - always the crowd pleaser, he often would stand up and bow to the students. Both men had somewhat cranky exteriors, but hearts as big as the rink within. Vern was the cheerleader of all cheerleaders; when he wasn't working, or even when he was, he'd be at the home football games, megaphone in hand, leading the fans with SMU

cheers. He was always dressed to the nines in SMU regalia and was so good that he was often invited to join the team on many road trips, but with someone duly assigned to watch over him.

As I worked to finish these memories a few days before celebrating Christmas, it is also the time of year when we all wish for good things for the New Year. We wish for things such as prosperity, good health, jobs, that type of thing, and if I had but one wish for the health of Saint Mary's, it would be to have a new rink befitting the 2010 CIS Champions and all future teams to play in; a building proudly standing beside the new Homburg Wellness Centre (former Tower facility). It should be a state-of-the-art building by modern standards, as the rink that stands currently was when it was built almost fifty years ago. To date perhaps fifty percent of the required funds have been raised, perhaps more, and I'm unaware of any construction project in this City that began with all of the funds in the bank. As such I believe that more donations would commence once Alumni see the ground scratched and construction begun! Perhaps just some wishful musings on my part, but a reality I would love to see.

Since I have been involved with the university, we have brought home four Canadian basketball titles, three Vanier Cup football titles and more recently a CIS hockey title. Let's not forget that when decisions are made to build or not build facilities we need to be proud to be associated with them. Sadly the football stadium and rink have been neglected and are in much need of repair. It is my opinion that if we do not do something soon our chances of winning more CIS championships may go by the wayside. Saint Mary's is in need of a new rink and what a great time to pitch it to the community and the university community... including the alumni. Many a capital campaign has ignored the athletics and now with a CIS championship tinder our belt, we must resurrect the interest and build a facility to be enjoyed by SMU hockey teams of the future.

**Mary's University's Greatest  
Athletic Supporter: Vernon Creighton  
Dennis A. Reardon**

No 'his' story of sport at Saint Mary's University would be complete without a story of Vernon Creighton, affectionately known to most as *Vern*. Only with the passage of time have I come to realize the significant impact he had upon varsity athletics at Saint Mary's.

Vern was a true friend to the student body and in particular, the student-athlete ... one of those unforgettable characters. When I reflect on my time at SMU, Vern was as kind and gentle a man as I have ever met; his gruff exterior, his cantankerous ways, fooled no one. Many will not know this, but Vern had a Ph. D. degree; this 'honour', of course, was self-awarded, proudly referring to himself as having a "Doctorate in Cheerology". I wonder if coach Bob Hayes, *Athletic Director Emeritus*, had any influence or input on this accolade?

Vern's philosophy was quite simple and he imparted it in short, caring phrases: he encouraged us to "be happy", and no matter what to "stay alert" and to "maintain focus". He taught us **respect**, for self and others; it was a constant term in his vocabulary. The secrets of success were being taught without ever having to attend a lecture; here is one to wrestle with: "use your brain, but think with your heart!" Looking back these words of wisdom are life lessons that when applied have served me well... and when not applied, have complicated the daily challenges of life.

Vern loved the University. We were a tiny population, so it was important to Vern that we exude pride, thinking of Vern as a formative influence upon "Huskie Pride". The cowbell was clanging at every home game and the supportive gang were in sync with it - talk about a home advantage ... and I'd bet that Coach Les Goodwin (as well as assistant Coach Dick

MacLean) congratulated Vern on player issues involving inflated egos or lack of intensity. Vern represented a spirit to which attention must be paid.

Who from among the SMU alumni from my time at the university can ever forget the detailed manner Vern in which decorated his home at Christmas, Easter or Halloween? There were year round projects - blood, sweat and tears - for all for the kids in his community and for greater Halifax. And to appreciate the SMU memorabilia in what he called his *rumpus room* took many hours; Vern's home was always an open house, and his dear wife Marie, a true saint.

Vern's job at Saint Mary's was primarily as a painter. He was always here and there, painting this and that: the stadium or the arena bleachers, the lines on the football field or on the ice - whatever was required, Vern would be front and centre.

And one final comment in conclusion: he painted a beautiful picture of his life for all to admire and emulate; he was my pal... I miss him every day and will love him forever.



**The football fans that Vern Creighton loved so much,  
sitting in the stands he took care of and painted....**

**In Memory:****Richard "Dick" Loiselle March 9,1938 - November 1,2011****Michael "David" Randall April 7,1948 - August 12,2011****Paul Puma**

During the writing of this book, the Saint Mary's Athletic Community suffered the loss of two of its outstanding Huskie heroes. Along with the Loiselle and Randall families, Saint Mary's mourns the loss of two very caring and giving men.

**Dave Randall & Dick Loiselle**

Although Dick was born in Manchester, New Hampshire and Dave in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, it was their affection for Saint Mary's that would cement their friendship. In the last few years of their lives, Dick and Dave were a common sight at many Saint Mary's events, both athletic and social. It is ironic that these two good friends left us only a few months apart.

Quoting from Dick's obituary, "Dick was a proud husband, father, son, friend, athlete, coach, counselor and mentor. Sports were the hallmark of his life. He was a U.S. Marine and a professional athlete, having played in the Braves organization prior to moving to

Canada. He was very grateful for the opportunities he enjoyed as a result of his athletic abilities and, in turn, used those talents to benefit those who were less advantaged, especially disabled athletes. For this he was lauded nationally and internationally. He was the proud recipient of the King Clancy Award, the Rick Hansen Award and the Stokes-Mandeville Games Federation Special Achievement Award. He touched the lives of countless individuals throughout the world."

Locally Dick Loiselle was an outstanding varsity football and basketball player at Saint Mary's, and Dick continued to play basketball, as well as Senior "A" fastball for the infamous Schooners after his Saint Mary's days were over. Many will remember the rivalry between Dick and the Brookfield Elk's Hughie Matheson. He also was well-known as an outstanding hard-throwing right-hander in the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League throughout the 1960s.

Dave Randall, although never a varsity athlete at Saint Mary's, was nevertheless as passionate and loyal as any varsity athlete had ever been. Paraphrasing from Dave's obituary, "David, known for his dry sense of humour and outstanding compassionate character, grew up in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, the fourth of nine children and second son in a family of seven sisters. It was a household dominated with female presence. Undaunted, he rose to the occasion and blazed the trail for girls in every direction imaginable. David believed in doing things "his" way. He developed a keen interest in sports from an early age, and for many decades David was a supporter of SMU and most recently was General Manager of the Saint Mary's Football Huskies. He was a father figure to many an athlete and always at his best when helping others."

David's affection for Saint Mary's was only surpassed by his love for his wife Brenda and daughter Lindsay. David was considered the ultimate father and Brenda made it possible for Dave to dedicate the time he did to promoting and supporting sport at Saint Mary's.

Dave enjoyed a good golf game, vacationing in Florida and shuttling his New England buddies back and forth from the Halifax Airport. It is suffice to say: "Everyone has a Dave Randall story."

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

## Athletics Directors at Saint Mary's University - following Bob Hayes (1985 - present)

Steve Sarty



**Steve Sarty from his playing days at SMU**

Beginning November 1, 1985, after twenty-seven years as the Director of Athletics and Recreation, Bob Hayes would take over as a Special Assistant to the President of Saint Mary's University. Hayes's new duties would be more in line with planning and development and he would also be involved in all aspects of fund-raising and in strengthening ties with members of the business community. Saint Mary's President Dr. Ken Ozmon stated "no member of our administration is better acquainted with a wide cross-section of the community. I am delighted that Bob has agreed to work in

these important areas with me."

With the iconic Hayes changing roles, the door opened for Dr. Ian McGregor to step in as the new Director of Athletics and Recreation on November 1, 1985. The thirty-nine year old from Scotland, Dr. McGregor moved to British Columbia in 1968 upon completion of his undergraduate degree at Aberdeen University. He then went on to study at Simon Fraser University, completing his Doctorate in Chemistry in 1973.

Dr. McGregor came to Saint Mary's with an extensive involvement in campus recreation and intramurals, acting as the Recreation Director at Simon Fraser from 1977 to 1983 and serving for several terms as President of the Canadian Intra-mural and Recreation Association. At the time he was appointed AD, McGregor had published two books and numerous publications on the subjects of intramurals, fitness and recreation. This appointment was timed well with the opening of the Tower fitness facility addition at Saint

Mary's. McGregor was enthused about the opportunities that were in front of him with this new centre. "I am looking forward to providing opportunities for the total university community to participate in a variety of activities, both competitive and non-competitive, and I am particularly excited about the role of the new fitness and recreation centre as a focal point for campus life."

Dr. McGregor would stay with Saint Mary's for almost five years and eventually left to pursue the Director of Athletics role at the University of Toronto. Keith Hotchkiss, the current Director of Student Services at the time, was appointed as the Interim Director of Athletics and Recreation while the committee search began for a new director. Hotchkiss, a former Saint Mary's football great, was in the role long enough to congratulate Ross Quackenbush on being selected as the AUAA Coach-of-the-Year in Ross's first year as Head Coach. At the time of print (2012), Ross had just retired as Head Coach, after having been a two-time National Champion as a player (1977-78 and '78-79), and guiding his Huskies team to a National Title during the 1998-99 season.

The sights quickly became focused on the next Director of Athletics and Recreation, the first female Athletic Director in the history of Saint Mary's University, by the name of Susan Natrass. She began her post as AD commencing July 1, 1990. Her resume is quite impressive; she was world champion athlete and an officer of the Order of Canada. Her background was a blend of academic, athletic and administrative experiences. She received her Bachelor of Physical Education from the University of Alberta with distinction and first class standing. She also completed her Master's and Ph. D. at the University of Alberta. Prior to her position at Saint Mary's, Dr. Natrass was Director of University Athletics at the University of Alberta, while previously she had served as their Director of Women's Athletics. She has also had a very impressive athletic career. She was the Canadian Trapshooting champion an astounding twenty-two times and World Champion another six. In 1981 she was named the Canadian Female Athlete-of-the-Year and winner of the Lou Marsh award as Canada's overall Athlete-

of-the-Year. Dr. Nattress was the Director of Athletics at SMU for five years until she moved on in 1995 to pursue other interests.

The next Director of Athletics and Recreation would be a very familiar face to the Saint Mary's Community. Born in Thornhill, Ontario of Ukrainian descent, Larry Uteck attended the Jesuit-run Brebeuf College School in Toronto where he was a football star and Athlete-of-the-Year. He then went to the University of Colorado (1970-73) on a football scholarship, followed by Sir Wilfred Laurier (1973-74). Following university, he played in the CFL for the Toronto Argonauts, B.C. Lions, Ottawa Rough Riders and the Montreal Allouettes. He was named Conference All-Star in 1974, 1975, and 1976; and served his fellow players as their League Representative in 1976.



**Larry Uteck, Coach & Athletic Director**

He joined the sports program at Saint Mary's University in 1982, becoming Head Football Coach of the Saint Mary's Huskies in 1983 and continued as such through 1997, compiling a winning record. He was named AUAA Coach-of-the-Year in 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1992; and CIAU Coach-of-the-Year in 1988 and 1992. His teams appeared in five Atlantic Bowls and three Vanier Cups. In 1995, he was named interim Director of Athletics and Recreation and was formally appointed Director in 1997, a position in which he continued to serve until his death on December 25, 2002 at the age fifty.

Uteck married Sue Maloney in 1989, and they had two children, Luke and Cain.

His deep love for his community took him into municipal politics and he was elected Alderman for the City of Halifax Ward 5. He served two years (1994-95) and was elected to the first Halifax Regional Municipal Council for District 13 (Northwest Arm-

South End), where he served from 1995-1999. His quiet, but tenacious and thoughtful leadership saw him elected Deputy Mayor in 1998. He served with distinction on numerous HRM Committees including the Downtown Business Commission, Neptune Theatre and the Halifax Port Commission. Uteck also championed the Halifax Harbour Solutions Project. His wife, Sue succeeded him as Councilor for District 13 in 1999.

Uteck's remarkable leadership and vision were recognized when he was named a Member of the Order of Canada in October 2002. It was one of the few honours he would accept following the diagnosis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS aka Lou Gehrig's disease) in 1997. The only other honour he accepted was the naming of "Larry Uteck Boulevard" in February 2000.

Following his death, and in consideration of his longtime Canadian football career as a professional athlete in the CFL, and coach at Saint Mary's University, as well as the university's athletic director, it was decided that the Churchill Bowl would be retired, with the Mitchell Bowl replacing of the Churchill Bowl, with a new championship named in Uteck's memory; thus, the Uteck Bowl formally replaced the Atlantic Bowl.

His alma mater, Brebeuf College School, honoured him by renaming its sports field the Larry Uteck Memorial Field in 2004.

When Larry Uteck sadly passed away on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002, Kathy Mullane took over as the Interim Athletic Director. At the time, Kathy was the Manager of Facilities and Programming at the Tower. Kathy had originally come to Saint Mary's in 1973 as a Dalhousie graduate with an opportunity to be the Head Coach of the women's field hockey team as well as the women's basketball team. She was originally hired to coach only the women's field hockey team, but asked if she could coach the basketball team knowing that some of the players that she was going to recruit were going to want to play both sports. Kathy had a keen interest in growing the club sports and overall intramural offerings at Saint Mary's University. Even though Kathy was a Dalhousie graduate she grew up as a SMU fan. Her

brothers went to Saint Mary's, so cheering for the Maroon and White just felt right to her. Kathy was the kind of person who would do all she could for Saint Mary's University and still does to this day. Her attitude and spirit proved valuable as she would step in as Interim Director in 2002 and again in 2008-2009. Kathy learned from Bob Hayes very early in her career that there was a tradition of excellence that must be upheld at Saint Mary's.

The Year she began at Saint Mary's University (1973) the men's Football and Basketball teams won National Championships and the Men's Hockey team lost in the finals of their National Championship. The bar was set high and she did all she could to maintain that high bar and began to do so with women's sport. In the early existence of the women's field hockey program Kathy Mullane guided the group called the "Belle's of Saint Mary's" to an AUAA Championship and to a very impressive showing at the National Championships. The 1977-78 edition was the first women's team in the rich history of Saint Mary's University to be inducted into the Saint Mary's Hall of Fame.

The next director to take the helm at Saint Mary's was another familiar face, who also had a long history with the Huskies. Dr. David Murphy took over as Director of Athletics and Recreation at Saint Mary's in 2003. Before taking the position at Saint Mary's, Dr. Murphy practiced as a maxillofacial surgeon in the Halifax area for thirty years and served as the Chief of Surgery at Dartmouth General Hospital from 1995-2001. Murphy graduated from Saint Mary's with a Bachelor of Arts in 1966 and during his time as a student, quarterbacked the Huskies football team to an Atlantic Bowl title in 1964. He continued his involvement with the Huskies serving as offensive coordinator on the 1973 Vanier Cup champion team. He also served on the University's Board of Governors in the 1980s. During his five-year tenure at Saint Mary's, "Murph" twice served as President of Atlantic University Sport (2005, 2007), and has been a member of both the Executive and Disciplinary Committees of Canadian Inter-university Sport.

At Saint Mary's, Murphy worked closely with the academic community, leading to a tripling in the number of Academic All-Canadians within the athletic program during his tenure. Dr. Murphy retired from Saint Mary's in May of 2008 to take over the role of Director of Athletics and Recreation at Simon Fraser University.

After the good doctor answered the house call at Simon Fraser, Kathy Mullane would once again step in as Interim Director of Athletics until April 1, 2009, when Steve Sarty officially took over the position.

Sarty, a Saint Mary's alumnus, was a football Huskies wide receiver from 1991-1995. During his University football career, Sarty was named Atlantic University Sport Rookie-of-the-Year in 1991; was a four time AUS All-Star wide receiver and still holds numerous Huskies receiving records. Steve was drafted to the CFL by the Ottawa Roughriders in the third round, but never saw action in the pros. After his playing career Sarty coached the Huskies receiving core for six years while working at Labatt Breweries and helped them win back-to-back Vanier Cups in 2001 and 2002.

Steve joined the University as the Athletic Director at an exciting time for athletics, as construction plans were unveiled in early 2009 for the much-anticipated Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness.

"I am humbled and honored to have been selected as the Director of Athletics and Recreation for Saint Mary's," said Sarty. "I look forward to being involved with such an established and progressive university athletics program. I hope to continue the proud and excellent athletic standards at Saint Mary's and feel very fortunate to have inherited such a strong program established by previous athletic directors, such as Bob Hayes, Larry Uteck and David Murphy. I hope to continue the tradition of pride and excellence set by my predecessors and look forward

having the support of the University administration, Board of Governors, coaches and community at large", said Sarty.

Saint Mary's University President Dr. J. Colin Dodds stated, "Steve Sarty has had a long standing relationship with Saint Mary's athletics, as a student-athlete, assistant football coach and very involved alumnus. We look forward to Steve's experience and the enthusiastic approach that he will bring to this important position."

Sarty, originally from Truro, now lives in Halifax with his wife Gail and two daughters, Sky and Sierra. Prior to accepting the position with Saint Mary's, Steve was in medical equipment sales for two years and prior to that had worked for Labatt's Breweries.

Steve approaches each and every day at Saint Mary's with the utmost enthusiasm. Sarty was quoted early on in his career as saying "the Director's position at Saint Mary's was his dream job". This remains true to this day and Steve hopes to remain with Saint Mary's for a very long time. "Every day is interesting and there is never a dull moment" said Sarty after a busy first two years in the role. "There have been National Championships and National news stories.... It doesn't get any better than this!"

Throughout this entire publication, from the arrival of Robert (Bob) Hayes there have been numerous stories, as well as countless accolades attributed to Hayes for laying the foundation for SMU sports, beginning with the football team, which he personally coached; the fostering of school spirit and a winning mentality; to the hiring of coaches and sports administrators, including the beginning of Women's Sport Program with the selection and support of Kathy Mullane. Steve Sarty took it from there and brought the role of the Athletic Director into focus up to the present time. What follows is an in-depth treatise by Dr. David Murphy on his experiences as an athlete, team doctor, football coach, former AD and a life-long supporter of SMU athletics. In many ways he transformed the role of the Athletics Director during his tenure. While we no doubt could have written more on the other ADs in between, we trust his presentation will give readers a good sense of the transformation of that role over time, from the humble beginnings in the 1950s to the very sophisticated role required in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. [Ed.]

## A Personal Sport History of Saint Mary's University from the Early Years into the 21st Century

Dave Murphy

I Life is full of twists and turns and I sometimes you have control of them I but most times they take over without I conscious effort. The story of how I I ended up at Saint Mary's University is  
 ^ ^ M a perfect example. Most of the student-  
 I athletes from my school, Bishop  
 Cheverus High School, or for that matter  
 ^ ^ H from the high school conference in which  
 we competed, went to St. Francis Xavier  
 University. I had received a recruiting

letter from Coach Don Loney at St. F. X. and was considering attending that institution. One day I serendipitously ran into my cousin Paul Murphy who had attended Saint Mary's University in the 1950's. He explained that St. F. X. was in a small town of Antigonish which had no bars and only one school of nursing, whereas SMU was in a larger city with numerous bars and three schools of nursing and two other universities. I immediately made the decision to attend Saint Mary's University for academic reasons, after all the Jesuits taught there.

My first trip to Halifax from Portland, Maine was quite eventful. I had been speaking to a former Cheverus football player named Jim Hamilton, who was in his third year at St. F. X. and was returning for football camp there. He assured me the very best way to travel was by train and he would be happy to allow me to accompany him. He and his parents picked me up at my house at ten PM and drove to Mattewaemkeg, Maine, a three hour drive, for a three AM departure on a CN train to St. John, New Brunswick. This really didn't seem to me to be the best or the easiest way to get to Halifax but I was the rookie so I went along for the ride. We stopped in Mcadam, NB for customs and immigration

I was a little concerned because the first football pre-season practice was to begin at five PM and I didn't want to be late. A cab dropped me off in front of the McNally building. Now the McNally building was the only building on campus and housed the Jesuits in the right wing, the high school in the basement of the right wing, the students' residence in the left wing and the administration and classrooms in the central portion of the building. The building was under construction at the time. A quick thought of "what the hell did you get yourself into" came to mind. However, I was going to be late for practice so I hurried to find someone who could get me some equipment and show me the field. The manager, a student named Lahey, got me some socks, jock and T-shirt and a pair of shoes which were used and too large. I rushed out to the field to see about twenty guys standing around a very intimidating, muscular man dressed as I was, leaning on a blocking dummy. Coach Bob Hayes' first words to me were "*who the f#@& are you ?*" With that remark he immediately became much more intimidating. Joe Carver, the only assistant coach on the team, ran up and asked if I wanted to run my mile. Not really knowing to what he was referring, I said yes. Evidently Coach Hayes had a rule everyone had to run a mile under six minutes. Wanting to create distance from the snarling Coach Hayes I went with the stop clock-holding Carver. I ran like I never ran before and completed the run in less than five minutes. Coach Carver was ecstatic so I explained "that was nothing 'cause I haven't slept in twenty-eight hours". He was impressed; Coach Hayes was not. Later we realized that what Coach Carver considered a mile was actually slightly more than a mile. He had forgotten to include the length of the end zones in his calculations.

After a very informal practice I got my residence room and met a few of the players. It was explained to me that some guys were still working their summer jobs and others just hadn't shown up from the "States" yet but they would be here in a few days. Eventually they did show and practices began to resemble real football practices.

The team was pretty diverse when it came to age. There were guys who had been at other universities prior to Saint Mary's and some of us who had been out of school for a while and then those of us fresh out of high school. Most of the team was made up of guys from Catholic High schools in New England. There were a few Canadian players like the O'Brien brothers, Wayne (Red) and Stu, limmy Crane, Bob Smith, Ken Bendelier, Dan Skaling, Ted Moore, A1 Keith; but many were from the US in those days. There was from New Hampshire; Dick and Ray Loiselle, Ted Chandonette, Bob Ruotolo, Roger Cloutier; from Massachusetts; Dick Giordano, Mike Fleming, Frank Arment, Ron Gomes, Charlie Salinetti and Leo Raferty; from Connecticut; lack Schneider and from Maine; Steve Lancaster, Tim Monaghan and myself.

SMU played in the Bluenose Football Conference that also included teams from Saint Mary's University, Dalhousie University, Acadia U., University of New Brunswick, St. Dunstan's (now UPEI), St. Francis Xavier, Mount Allison and two navy teams, Shearwater and Stadacona. The league was really tiered when it came to competition with St. F. X. being the best, Stadacona and Mount Allison the next tier and Saint Mary's ready to break into the higher tier.

In 1962 women's sports were not as prevalent as they are today, so every institution had a men's IV team as well. Because of that Coach Hayes kept a pretty lean varsity squad of 25 players knowing he could always call up recruits from a much larger JV team

The 1962 season was a huge success. Not only did we have a winning record but we also played in the Purdy Cup (the league championship) for the first time in SMU history. When you look at the alignment of the teams which played football in the AUS it might be difficult to believe we had to beat Mt. Allison for the right to meet X in the Purdy Cup. In those days, Mt. Allison had good, solid football teams and was second only to X. As luck would have it, the game between the upstarts of

SMU against perennial power Mt. Allison was the last game of the season. It was win or go home. The game was played at Saint Mary's and we overcame an early deficit to win and advance to the Purdy Cup against St. F. X. at the Wanderer's Grounds.

Cinderella is a nice fairy tale but we were playing an X team which hadn't lost a game in years. As expected they won but what was not expected was the score: only 19-0 and those nineteen points did not come easily to them. This game was a watershed game for the Huskies of Saint Mary's University and was a harbinger of things to come. The X-men went on to play the University of Toronto in the Atlantic Bowl but the cast had been died and a new team was emerging in the Bluenose Conference.

Football wasn't the only concern at Saint Mary's. The school was a Jesuit run institution and the educational demands and expectations were high. Everyone had to take six full year courses in their first and second year and five full year courses in their third and fourth; they also had to pass four courses just to be eligible to play. Pre-season 1963 saw us on our knees at one practice. Coach Hayes had us all say a prayer that Dick Giordano, our center, and Stu O'Brien, tight end, would pass their supplemental exams and be eligible for the season. Coach Hayes clearly understood that it was easier to win with good players and he obviously put some time in recruiting, especially in Ontario. Probably the biggest assets that year included a young fullback named Paul Puma and a big country kid named Frank Archambault. Both proved to be invaluable assets to the team and went on to become All-Canadians. Other recruits in '63 included John Murphy and Gerry Redmond, the latter from Halifax.

Our expectations ran high for the 1963 football year. We began the year with a very lopsided pre-season win against a local senior team, the Halifax Buccaneers. Unfortunately, we started the regular season against arch-rival St. F. X. at Antigonish. The roads were not as good as they are today so the Antigonish trip was an over night excursion. The morning of the game Fr. Hennessey said Mass and the Catholics were instructed to

attend. We did and there were fourteen of us, thirteen of whom went to communion. We lost that game 14-13 and to this day I always think if the 14<sup>th</sup> guy had gone to communion we would still be playing that game. Needless to say there were some pretty disappointed guys after that loss and it truly affected us. The next Saturday we played a night game against the Stadacona Sailors at Wanderer's Grounds. We did not play well and as I look back on it the loss to X had done some psychological damage. The field goal kicker for Stad hit a long field goal in the dying minutes of the game to beat us 9-8. He hadn't hit a field goal before and I do not think he ever did again. Two games two losses by a total of two points. Everyone felt snake bitten.

Coach Hayes was displeased with our performance and for that we paid dearly in practice. The senior leaders, such as Frank Arment, Jim Crane and Bob Ruotolo held a meeting and brought us all on board. *Saint Mary's would not let another team score a point against as for the rest of the year.* And the team we went 6-0 and never gave up a single point. That was and probably still is a Canadian record. It is extremely difficult not to allow a single point in Canadian football because of the rouge (single). The team played in Wolfville against Acadia in a wind which blew so badly we could not punt against the wind, but still we maintained field position. We played our last game of the season, with our goal on the line, against a determined Shearwater Flyer team in the pouring rain and still did not give up a point. The season ended with SMU at 6-2 and not in the Atlantic Bowl again, but had made strides as a team and were learning what it took to win.

Coach Hayes hit the recruiting road again the following year and spent more time in Ontario. He brought in a great group of players such as: Don Murphy who became an All-Canadian, Bob Johnson, Brian Murphy, Mike Cole, Frank Garner, and a host of other rookies who joined the veterans and achieved the success that had eluded us the previous two years. The 1964 team beat St. F. X. 9-8 on a single by punter A1 Keith and headed to the Atlantic Bowl. This snapped X's forty-seven (47) regular

season win streak and finally got the monkey off our backs. We played McMaster and won 15-1 on a rutted Wanderer's Ground field. Halifax had an early winter and we had snow the week before the game. Not one to miss a practice, Coach Hayes had the team come out and shovel the practice field by hand. The ground keepers at Wanderer's used a plow and the portion of the field which was the baseball infield and thus dirt was rutted by the wheels of the tractor used for plowing. The '64 team the first Saint Mary's team to win the Atlantic Bowl, and was later recognized by the University and honoured with induction into the Saint Mary's Hall of Fame.

1965 was the first year in which the majority of our rookies were from Ontario rather than New England. Future greats like Ernie Turek, Jim Stewart, Mike Blackmore, Eric Bettis, Bob Moneale and others brought more depth to the team and the iron men who played sixty minutes a game were few. This year saw the break up of the Bluenose Conference and the start of the Atlantic University Conference. Subsequently, it was also the first year in which there was no Atlantic Bowl. Nonetheless, it was another banner year for the football team as it went undefeated and beat the X-men once again. The bitter sweet thing was our year ended in Antigonish with a win but no bowl game. This was a special year for Paul Puma and me as we got to bond with Coach Hayes in a way most athletes do not. We lived with him and his family.

As I look back at my four years at Saint Mary's I recognize that these truly were the formative years in my life. I was fortunate to play football and basketball there, meet terrific people who remained friends for life. For a school of 500 young men we accomplished many firsts at the university. Most if not all were the first generation of our families to attend a post secondary institution. We had the opportunity to go beyond the boundaries of our parents and experience a carefree atmosphere in which we could learn from the Jesuits the didactic lessons required for future employment and the lessons of life from our coaches and friends. They truly were great years and instilled a love of the institution which has never ceased.

I graduated from Saint Mary's in 1966 and attended professional school at Dalhousie but still followed the Huskies weekly. I went from Dalhousie University to New York University (Bellevue Hospital) for my surgical residency of four years. A funny thing happened in my second year of residency, I received a call from then Head Coach and former teammate Al Keith asking if I would consider returning for an Alumni football game. I asked tag or flag and he said tackle. Well I couldn't let that pass and came back to Halifax to play against the varsity Huskies. It was a terrific reunion for us old-timers and it was great to see now Athletic Director, Bob Hayes who played tackle in this game, Paul Puma who hadn't lost a step (he really never had a step), Bob Johnson, Jim Stewart, Ludge Richards who had played in the 50s, Stu and Red O'Brien, Jerry Redmond, Jack Schneider and a host of other players mostly from the 60s. We practiced for two hours on a Friday, had a terrific banquet and acted as if we were not playing the next day - on Saturday. The game was entertaining and close. The Alumni lost by a score of 13-10 but played well... and this was a varsity team with Bill Robinson, Angelo Santucci and Ken Clark, all Huskie Hall of Famers. The only bad thing which occurred was Coach Keith playing defensive back took the knee out of his varsity team's captain, Keith Hotchkiss, currently the Director of Student Services at Saint Mary's. Al swears it was a clean tackle. Needless to say it took considerably longer for the alumni to get over the physical discomfort from the game than the varsity crew.

My next association with Saint Mary's University occurred when I returned from New York City to practice in Halifax. Head Coach Al Keith had called and asked if I would be his offensive coordinator. At that time I was teaching half-time and practicing half-time and my practice was in the growing phase. Somehow, I decided that I had the time and jumped at the opportunity to coach with Al, Doug Wright and 'Spook' MacLeod. The year was 1973 and Al had brought in an amazing group of athletes who were ready for greatness. Al had a balance of players from Ontario, Halifax, New England and Philadelphia. I believe eleven members from this team were drafted by CFL teams after

the season: the afore mentioned Robinson, Santucci and Clark were joined by outstanding class of athletes; Mike ReiUy, Hector Pothier, Fraser McDonald, Dave White, Fitzpatrick, Cipolini,



Steve Telfer

Charlie Sardo, Mike Curry, Steve Telfer, Steve Ford, Cliff Pelham, etc.... We were loaded with talent at every position. We expected great things from this group.

It is difficult to believe we had three pre-season games/scrimmages that year. The amazing thing is we lost all three and did not score a touchdown in any of them. Needless to say the coaching staff was perplexed and apoplectic. A1 called an emergency meeting of the captains and the coaches. We collectively assigned roles, changed the practice regimen and encouraged the captains to

hold a captains' meeting. These changes seemed to work as we breezed through the season. This included an exhibition game against Ottawa University who had the great Neil Lumsden in their backfield. Ottawa was a top-ranked team and expected to beat Saint Mary's easily. Everyone on the Saint Mary's side played well and we won handily.

The Atlantic Bowl was held in Halifax at Huskie Stadium and the most feared team in Canada Waterloo Luthern under the directorship of the legendary Tuffy Knight was the opposition. Waterloo had the five year eligibility rule while the Atlantic conference still had only four years of eligibility. Larry Uteck the future CFL player, Coach and Director of Athletics at Saint Mary's was a star defensive back on that team. Waterloo ran an option offense similar to the one run by Nebraska. It seemed unstoppable and was unstoppable in the OUA. Fortunately we had two weeks to prepare for the game and the weather cooperated, unlike the last time Saint Mary's was in an Atlantic Bowl. Since the '64 team ran an option offense and I was the 'quarterback', I took over the scout team and ran Waterloo's

offense against our first team defense. It was really scary how easily that scout team scored. Spook, A1 and Doug came up with a defensive plan which was taking time to gel. The turning point came one day at practice. Being a coach and somewhat older I was not supposed to be 'live' during a practice. However, the frustrations of the defense were running high and on one play Ralph Panzullo came up from his defensive back position and smoked me. The defense had figured out the option. I grabbed a helmet and wore it from that point on.

The day of the game was perfect, bright skies and cool temperatures. Early in the day I got to meet and chat with Tuffy and was entertained by his stories and Southern accent. I went into Waterloo's dressing room and got really worried. Here was an entire team of extremely fit men who were going to go against our boys. Well the boys played really well and the defense made the big stops and the offense made enough plays for us to win 19-17. Fittingly, Dave White, defensive lineman, recovered a fumble in the last minute and saved the day. We were all delirious with the excitement of the moment. No one had given the team a snowball's chance to win that game.

We traveled to Toronto for the College Bowl (now the Vanier Cup) to play McGill University. Although this was a very important game it was almost anti-climactic after the big win the week before. McGill was a good team but did not carry the aura of invincibility that Waterloo did. The CIAU and the CFL had coordinated a football weekend. The College Bowl would be played on Saturday and the Grey Cup on the Sunday, both games at the CNE. The weather in Toronto was not very favorable for football; it was a downpour with high winds. The CIAU were not organized and we had only two footballs for the entire game. We were treated like second class citizens and we were not given a locker room. The CFL teams had the regular locker rooms, McGill got a secondary locker room and we were allotted a space where the concession people changed.

No lockers and it leaked. We were crammed into a space meant for twenty people.

We were fortunate to get the ball early and score because as the game progressed the balls kept getting heavier and heavier. It was one game I was happy to be the offensive coordinator and in a covered box above the playing field. As you would expect this became a game of field position. Santucci ran the ball well and Robinson did an admirable job short passing for first downs. However, the play of the game came in the fourth period when we were caught inside our own twenty, against a stiff wind with a heavy ball, third down and long. Ken Clark went into punt formation and kicked the punt of his life. The ball sailed over the McGill return man and stopped eighty (80) yards down field. The defense held and Saint Mary's won their first College Bowl 14-7. Needless to say there was much celebration that evening. I bought the team Grey Cup tickets for the game and under much better weather conditions watched the Grey Cup as National Champs. An interesting point is we are the only school to win the football National Championship with a team with only four-year eligibility.

We were greeted by a police escort when we arrived back in Halifax and were feted all around town. The premier, Gerald Reagan, who is also an alumnus, hosted a party at Government House. It was quite a time and we all enjoyed the notoriety.

Through graduation, the CFL draft and academic failures we lost the core of the 1973 team. We were far from weak but we had many rookies on the 1974 team. A1 did a terrific job recruiting and we had a strong field of players. We used two quarterbacks, Tim Pal and Kevin Pendergast who complimented each other well. We managed to win the league but teams such as Acadia were loading up with good players and were now a threat. We went into the Atlantic Bowl with cautious optimism and played the University of Toronto but our lack of veteran leadership showed and we got hammered. As I recall we played eighty per cent of

the game in our own territory. We didn't recognize it at the time but this was the beginning of a slide in the competitive edge for SMU. The main problem was keeping players academically eligible. A1 was bringing in great athletes but some were only lasting one or two years. We were building teams and not a program and we eventually paid the price. Interestingly, some of those who failed out of Saint Mary's were accepted and played for Dalhousie the following year.

The 1975 year was very revealing and unfortunately a portent of what was to happen to the football program at Saint Mary's. We began the year with an exhibition game in Providence, RI against the University of Rhode Island playing American rules. Tim Pal was featured at quarterback as he had a sixty-six per cent completion rate the previous year. We brought the usual CIAU traveling team of 40 players and looked up to see 100 dressed URI players. As Kevin Pendergast commented, "the drum major in the band was bigger than me." A1 had purchased new football pants and jerseys from an American firm to save money. Unfortunately the plan to have them delivered to us in Providence backfired and we were down to our practice pants and away jerseys ... we were forced to dye the white practice pants for a few larger linemen, but trying to get white pants dyed maroon in one dyeing doesn't work. The pants came out a pink color. Needless to say we had an issue as two of the prominent starting linemen refused to wear them. After much persuasion, some of which involved leaving them in Providence after the game, the players donned their pink pants and took the field. Now we looked like country bumpkins while the 100 URI players were impeccably dressed in matching uniforms and shoes. We were over matched and out played and lost by a very lop-sided score. One positive was the way the offence held onto the ball for long periods of time. We had a problem with backfield in motion penalties and save for those putting us in constant long yardage situations, we did a fine job. Thank God because URI seemed to score every time they had the ball.

We played fairly well for the remainder of the year but lost the title to Acadia who went on to represent the conference in the Atlantic Bowl. This was the start of the decline of Huskie football for quite a while. My practice was booming and I could no longer give the seven days a week and the hours of daily practice to the team so I decided to retire from my position. I really enjoyed my coaching time and all the great individuals and characters with whom I had the privilege to associate.

Looking back at my coaching experience, I am pleased with the experience and actually learned a lot about coaching and newer coaching techniques. This assisted me through the twenty- two years I put in coaching basketball in the Halifax City youth leagues. I would say there was a big difference in the athletes; yes they were bigger, stronger and faster but, for the most part, they were athletes first and students second. Times had changed and the student-athletes had as well. We had some terrific people with whom I still correspond and consider dear friends, but too many did not have the focus on academia required for graduation.

My next association with Saint Mary's University was as an executive member of the Alumni Association and I had the privilege to serve two terms on the Board of Governors. I was a loyal fan through thick and thin and rarely missed a football game and attended most basketball games as well.

The final phase of my close association with Saint Mary's was as Director of Athletics. Larry Uteck was an amazing individual and a good friend. It was devastating to watch such a vibrant, capable young man succumb to ALS (Lou Gehrig's) disease. I had to retire from surgery due to multiple back surgeries myself, but had way too much energy to retire. I was doing consultant work which kept me occupied but not very happy. We all felt the grief of Larry's passing; I attended the funeral Mass at the Basilica and mourned his loss. At the church and at the reception held at Saint Mary's a few alumni approached me and suggested I apply for the athletic director's position. I did,



**A photo entitled Heroic Huskies where Larry Uteck, Athletic Director, is given the Atlantic Bowl Trophy by the Huskies football team, which had just defeated Laval 48-8 to advance to the nationals against Toronto.**

went through the process, and was hired. I had come full circle from student-athlete to Athletic Director at the school I loved

The role of the Director of Athletics is multifaceted. Many asked how I could make the transition. It actually was quite easy. I had been Chief of Surgery at Dartmouth General Hospital so I had administrative experience, dealt with budgets and large egos - and in that position required communication skills on a lot of different of levels: government, Board of Governors, doctors, nurses and patients. Of course the underlying advantage I had was my love of the University. My trump card was Kathy Mullane, Assistant Athletics Director, who was a long time friend and had a corporate memory and understanding of Saint Mary's which was unmatched. Elizabeth Chard, Registrar, was also a supporter who gave me sage advice and counsel anytime I asked and sometimes even when I didn't.

When I took over as director the department was fractured and the coaches were working out of silos. All operational budgets were underfunded and the coaches were all out looking for sponsors everywhere and anywhere. The first order of business was to make a congenial work place where everyone trusted one

another and worked for the common cause. I wrote up a strategic plan for the department which expressed expected goals for fund raising, academic success of the student-athletes, as well as athletic success. The next thing was to bring the operations budgets to reasonable levels. Football went from \$45,000 a year to \$100,000 and the other teams followed. One coach said she had been at Saint Mary's for fourteen years and this was the first increase she received. I initiated a department retreat in June so we could plan our upcoming year. This proved to be a great bonding moment and in addition to the administrative work accomplished it established terrific camaraderie within the department. We hired marketers to establish a sponsorship base, started departmental events which benefited all teams and took control of the day to day business of athletics. We were fortunate to have Kathy who took care of the recreation side of the house and allowed me a year or two to concentrate fully on athletics. Once things were in place the job became a lot of fun. Sure there were discipline issues with athletes which most times had me laughing, especially after I meted out punishment. It was terrific working with these young and vibrant people and to be able to insert some of my life's lessons. My proudest achievement as an AD was *ti'ipling the number of Academic All Canadians at Saint Mary's*. Of course a lot of credit goes to the coaches who bought into the academics-first attitude and pushed their athletes to academic success.

My favourite part of the day was when a coach or an athlete would come by for a chat. My least favorite part of my job was dealing with my direct report. Selling athletics and the student-athletes was easy at Saint Mary's as both were superlative. I loved my time with the Student Athletic Council which was initiated during my tenure; this consisted of the captains of each sport and we met about seven times per year. They were the keeners and always challenging me and one another to make Saint Mary's better. At first, like the coaches, this was a fractured group. Each one felt the other sport was receiving more than their sport. One meeting I arrived with a copy of

the budget for each and every sport and placed it on the table. When the actual budgets for each sport were there for all to see and compare, they realized the system was proportional and fair. Everyone got along much better after that revelation. They also felt empowered and part of the organization.

Another extremely important aspect of the job was fund raising, especially for athletic scholarships. One way was to assist the coaches with their summer camps. This was done but a payment was levied for each camp according to their prominence and success. This did not sit well with some coaches but eventually we reached an agreement and more money was available for scholarships. The one team which complained the most was the biggest user of the funds and thus benefited the most from the system. However, that coach never missed a payment. The "Dog" associations were the lifeline for football and men's hockey and continue to be so today. When I became AD there were two members of the Old Dogs and Ice Dogs; tapping into my contacts the Old Dogs grew into a formidable group. Trevor Stienburg, men's hockey head coach, pretty much grew the Ice Dogs on his own ... I was and still am a proud member of both groups.

As I alluded to earlier in this submission, I have always followed Saint Mary's athletics. When I became the AD, we had no problem identifying supporters at football and basketball games as I had attended most home games over the years and knew the crowd. My first hockey game was, however, quite a revelation; I barely knew a soul and was amazed at the following that so faithfully attended hockey games at the Forum. I was also amazed at the quality of the play. Needless to say I got to know the crowd and attended almost every home game during my tenure. I found attending the home games of every sport was very important. The student-athletes loved the fact that administration was supporting them. I would go the bench area, win or lose, every game. If I missed a game for any reason, at least one student-athlete would come up to the

office and ask where I had been. I was always proud of the department of the players and coaches. When traveling with different teams someone would invariably stop me and say, "Those are the most polite young men/ women we have had in our establishment".

Another battle turned into a positive was when I took control of the auction. At first this was a football - men's hockey event and the both teams shared the revenue. With much opposition from men's hockey I opened this up to all teams and made it a departmental event. My premise was you eat what you kill. The more tables you sold the more revenue you generated. Coaches, being competitive by nature, embraced the notion and the event grew to where it is today.

One of the smartest things I did was to ask Paul Puma to chair the hall of fame. Paul brought his enthusiasm, organized manner, and his personality to grow the induction ceremonies to where they are today. Doug Wright became the archivist and we had a very organized and professional team. Of course we also had Patsy Calbury to keep us on the straight and narrow.

As I grew older and approached my 65<sup>th</sup> year I knew a decision on my employment would have to be made. At the time Saint Mary's had a mandatory retirement in the year of your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. I would have loved to stay on but the university would not grant an exemption, so I had to move on. Just as luck would have it Simon Fraser University was looking for an Athletics Director and as was the case with Saint Mary's, I applied and attained the position. Now I am on the other side of the nation following SMU athletics while leading SFU into the NCAA. As I had always preached to the athletes, "do not burn any bridges and do not be concerned when a door closes, just look for the open window and go for it". So that twist of fate that brought me to Canada has prolonged itself for forty-eight years and I am thankful for every day.



**All-weather Sports Field, Loyola Highrise Residence and classrooms with Burke-Gaffney Observatory on top [FM]**



**Closeup of Burke-Gaffney Observatory from the west; named in honour of Rev. M.W Burke-Gaffney, PhD, Professor Emeritus.**

## Stories Unique to, or Associated with, Saint Mary's Varsity Sports Programs

Just when you think you've heard it all, there are a few stories left over that many may have forgotten, or indeed may have never heard the complete story, but only rather one version or another. Here are but a few to take you down memory lane or simply to keep the neurons and synapses firing on all cylinders.

### Diana Sweets Restaurant: 1939-1975 Diana (Joe's daughter)

Diana Sweets Restaurant was located on Spring Garden Road, just south of the intersection with Robie Street; it was owned and operated by Joe and Tom Sweet and their father Leo (Pop) from 1939-1975. In 1970 Joe's son, Joe Junior, joined the family business. Diana Sweets was a 60-seat food emporium.

From the day it opened, Diana Sweets was a favourite spot of Halifax students and Haligonians. Due to its proximity to the universities, it became a gathering place and a home-away-from-home for numerous students from Saint Mary's, Dalhousie, Kings and the Nova Scotia College of Art.

The Navy had used King's College as a training base during World War II and the off-duty officers would line up on the sidewalk waiting to get into the restaurant. Tommy Sweet had served overseas during the war and returned to work in the restaurant in 1945. At this time, university enrollment was increasing greatly as veterans returned to school and with very few places in the city which students could afford, they began to congregate at Diana Sweets.

Joe and Tom felt that their relationships with the students were among their most outstanding memories during their years in business. At a time when student union buildings were unknown, the fellowship that developed at Diana Sweets began to attract many students in the evenings. The eating establishment had a firm place in the hearts of many Haligonians, either those who visited the city or attended university, with many of them felt that going there was much like visiting family.

The Sweets believed that their business was unique in Halifax because of the club-like atmosphere, which the students helped to create. They were often involved in sports and fans would congregate in Diana Sweets after games to relive those that played in the H & D League (baseball), the Big Four League (hockey) and numerous inter-collegiate events, while hundreds of local, national and international sports stars visited the restaurant. Thousands of metropolitan Halifax residents



Leo 'Pop' Sweet

flocked to see the stars, share and embellish stories, and to enjoy a neighbourhood restaurant atmosphere often long forgotten in today's fast-paced world.

In the mid-to-late fifties, when television was introduced in the Halifax area, Joe and Tom purchased a TV (black and



**Joe Sweet and Post-war Armed Services members, circa 1950**

white) to place above the front door so customers could watch the World Series and the NHL playoffs. They felt that people were attracted to Diana Sweets due to its fine service and nutritious, fresh food. Joe would drive downtown to his suppliers every morning to personally hand-select that day's fresh meat, fish, fruits and vegetables.

Joe and Tom would close up shop before football, basketball or hockey games at Saint Mary's University, Kings or Dalhousie to serve meals to the teams. Many students recall going to Diana Sweets for a meal, and at times



**Tommy Sweet**

were unable to pay immediately, so were permitted to run a small tab; others who just couldn't afford it, were given a meal. A student from New York recalled having to go to the Valley for an important meeting, had no idea where it was or how to get there; Joe offered directions and loaned him his car for the day. Another student at Saint Mary's University recalled

## DIANA SWEETS



**Diana Sweets storefront on Spring Garden Road, circa 1955**

having lost his summer job and thought he might not be able to return to the university in the fall, so Tom and Joe offered to pay his tuition; fortunately, he was able to get a job before classes resumed. Others recall not being able to return to their home at night and being given a night's rest in the basement where Tom and Joe had set up a small cot with blankets.

"Another... of Dad's old chestnuts he used to mention about the university crowd,... was the fact that at the beginning of every college year the store's inventory of cutlery, salt and pepper shakers and some crockery as well would shrink (presumably as students established their accommodations, etc.). However, just as regularly the inventory would magically swell again at the end of spring term as those same students returned most

As the neighborhood changed and construction of on-campus student facilities grew, business slowed but the restaurant



**Joe Sweet and his sister Sadie behind him; seated is hockey star, Hughie Campbell and another familiar face, as yet unnamed?**

always remained a favorite spot among sports' fans. One of the things Joe and Tom valued most from their long career in the restaurant business was the opportunity to meet those they had known earlier in life - and to observe the success of individuals they had known as students.

As the years went by many of the students would return to the restaurant with their own children, who were now in university. Joe and Tom also had the amazing ability to remember the first names of almost all the players on the different teams and were quick to armchair quarterback the weekend games. Their positive influence on students and players can be felt to this day long after Pop, Joe, Tom and Joe Jr. have passed on.

**NOTE:** The menus on the following pages are from Diana Sweets of the mid-1950s... perhaps a simpler time... referred to as the phlegmatic fifties by Brian Flemming. Do you remember Sweets? ... and those prices? [Ed.]

### Outside Front Cover of the Sweets' Menu



"A reflection of home"

368 Spring Garden Road

Halifax, N. S.

**Can you identify the campus buildings in this sketch?**

## Menu from Diana Sweets Restaurant on Spring Garden Road (near Robie Street), circa 1955

## A-LA-CARTE

*cAppetizets*

Tomato Juice, large glass.....	15c
Apple Juice.....	15c
Sweet Mixed Pickles.....	15c
Blend, Grapefruit and Orange	20c

*SoupS*

Vegetable.....	20c
Cream of Tomato.....	20c
Cream of Mushroom.....	20c
Chicken Noodle.....	20c
Cream of Green Pea.....	20c

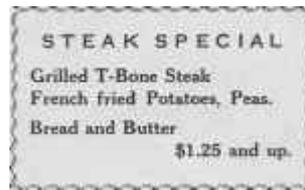
*and Omelets*

Fried Ham and Eggs.....	55c
Fried Bacon and Eggs.....	55c
Scrambled Eggs.....	35c
Poached Eggs.....	35c
Boiled Eggs.....	35c
2 Fried Eggs.....	35c
Plain Omelet.....	50c
Cheese Omelet.....	60c
Ham Omelet.....	60c

- served with toast or bread -

*Salads*

Sliced Chicken.....	65c
Salmon and Celery.....	60c
Combination Vegetables.....	50c
Sardine and Celery.....	60c
Pork.....	60c
Beef.....	60c



Broiled Fresh Halibut Steak with French Fries.....	65c
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*3xom the Qxill*

Pork chops.....	65c
Lamb chops.....	75c
Hamburg Steak.....	55c
Grilled Sausages.....	55c
Liver and Onions.....	55c
Liver and Bacon.....	60c
Prime Roast of Beef.....	55c
Roast of Pork.....	55c

All Dishes Freshly Prepared to your order. Served with Potatoes, Bread, Butter.

Tea— Coffee — Milk, Extra.

*Sandwiches*

Hot Chicken.....	60c
Hot Hamburger.....	50c
Hot Roast Beef.....	50c
Hot Roast Pork.....	50c
Cold Chicken.....	30c
Western.....	30c
Ham & Egg.....	30c
Bacon & Egg.....	30c
Bacon & Tomato.....	30c
Grilled Cheese.....	25c
Minced Ham.....	25c
Fried Ham.....	25c
Cold Ham.....	20c
Tomato.....	20c
Fried Egg.....	20c
Chopped Egg	20c
Grilled Bacon	20c
Salmon.....	20c
Sardine.....	15c
Peanut Butter	15c
Relish.....	15c
Cream Cheese	15c
Hamburgers.....	15c
Hot Dogs	15c
(Toasted Sandwich—5c extra)	

*Jbessexts*

Apple Pie.....	10c
with ice cream.....	15c
with cheese.....	15c
Hot Mince.....	10c
Bananas with cream.....	20c
Sugared Donuts (2).....	08c
Coconut Donuts (2).....	10c
Fresh Fruit Salad.....	25c

*Sundaes*

Plain Ice Cream.....	10c
Strawberry.....	20c
Marshmallow.....	20c
Butterscotch.....	20c
Cherry.....	20c
Chocolate.....	20c
Pineapple.....	20c
Fresh Fruit Salad.....	25c
Black & White.....	25c
Banana Royal.....	35c
Banana Split.....	30c
Black & Gold.....	25c
Diana Special.....	35c
Dalhouseie Special.....	25c
Nurses Special.....	25c

(With Peanuts 5c Extra)

*J\$eve\ages*

Tea — Per Pot —.....	10c
Coffee.....	10c
Milk (Bottle) 1.....	10c
Hot Chocolate.....	10c
Coca Cola.....	10c
Root Beer.....	10c
Lime Rickey.....	10c
Orange Rickey.....	10c
Ginger Ale.....	10c
Milk Shake (any flavor).....	20c
Malted Milk Shake.....	25c
Egg Shake.....	30c
Egg Malted Milk Shake.....	35c
Ice Cream Sodas.....	15c
Ice Cream Floats.....	15c

## The Origin of the Huskie Logo

At one point in discussing the structure of his book, it became clear that we should include how the Huskie logo had come to be used as a symbol for all Saint Mary's Athletic teams. There is no question the consistency of the logo has brought both a high level, as well as an immediate recognition of SMU teams on the playing surfaces, both at home and away.

It seems the use of the Huskie name came into being in 1960, two years after Bob Hayes came to the university as the first full-time Athletic Director and head coach of football and hockey. However, the current logo would not appear for another two decades - not at least until 1984. Up to that time, the bright crimson 'M' was worn on the jerseys of varsity teams, but sometime in between the university used what Bruce Hopkins describes as the "new" logo, but many felt it was not distinctive enough to recognize from a distance on the field due to its size and design.

At the time they were speaking about football helmet decals. Although it is unclear when that original "new" design of Huskie head as a decal was used, but by 1984 (a date confirmed in a letter from Bob Hayes to Viki Duranceau) a revised logo, the one currently used on all jerseys and helmets, came into existence.

According to Bruce Hopkins, he began to talk about the need to have something more distinctive early in his years at SMU (circa, 1970) but again it would be over a decade before Jeff Hayes, Athletic Department equipment manager, would walk into his office with a problem — they needed a better design (a more distinctive logo) for the new football helmets. Bruce suggests that a marketing/design firm was originally retained by Liz Stevens, the University Public relations person at the time, to make the Huskie decals, which were now in need of replacement. Jeff had discussed the idea with Bob Hayes,

the current AD, who approved of the notion and asked Jeff to come up with a design, a logo. That's when Jeff approached Bruce Hopkins and the collaboration began.

That's also when the issue of who or what group created or designed the logo becomes clouded, but after hearing/ reading the different opinions, and researching what documentation exists, the editors believe they have figured out what happened and how these divergent opinions came to be. In the end it was quite clear to us that there were several minds and hands at work in the final design ... and as it is with most ideas of this nature, it was the product of an important collaboration.

When Jeff Hayes met with Bruce Hopkins, they began that process of collaboration, and according to Jeff the goal was to somehow marry the Huskie head with the large 'M' used to identify Saint Mary's athletic teams. According to Bruce, he suggested the concept of the Huskie head superimposed on the 'M' and the process of design was formerly begun. Bruce stated that they even made a call to the University of Washington to ask if UW used something similar in their designs.

**An aside:** Through the 'magic of the internet', a small bit of research revealed that indeed the University of Washington's Husky<sup>1</sup> logo had evolved as well. The first UW logo was a simple Husky head; the year was 1932 and was based on the 1920s notion of using mascots in school logos across North American campuses. It went through more than several incarnations, but in 1953 it was changed to a simple purple 'W', not unlike the SMU crimson 'M' of generations past. However, by 1974 they reverted back to the simpler 'W' once again. It was not until 1979 that their Husky head and the 'W' were first combined. That too did not last long, as a different design appeared in the 80s, only to have another Husky head and letter resurrected in 1995. By 2001, it was a simple Husky head alone, but by 2007 the university had reverted to the 1953 'W', only using a slightly different block font. The UW Athletics Department still retains

the Husky head in some of its published material, but not as a combined logo with the letters, which is now a prohibited design.

**So why is all this here?** Perhaps it is just an interesting story, but more likely it shows that athletic logos do evolve and an artistically stylized 'M' as the body of the Huskie with the head superimposed on top, which took place in 1984, seems to have passed the test of time as a simple, but effective way to represent Saint Mary's University athletic teams to both the university community and to the large public following established by its quality varsity teams. It is an appropriate and distinctive logo.

### **Back to the story at hand.**

Bruce and Jeff played around with several taped on designs involving the Huskie head and the 'M', which were posted on Jeff's office wall. That's when Phil MacDonald, SMU Physical Plant, entered Jeff's office and saw the crude designs taped to the wall. After a brief discussion he offered to let his artistic fifteen year old daughter, Viki, take a stab at it. Viki comments that using the material provided, along with an idea from her dad, she sketched the logo, pretty much as it is today. Both Bruce and Jeff agreed that they were not artists and credit Viki for her artistic rendering of the current logo. She was thanked by Bob Hayes, Athletic Director, for her design in a letter written some twenty-eight years ago.

Bruce stated that Jeff and he immediately sent that design to a graphics company to make the decals for the helmets, which were first used the next football season, in the fall of 1984. Soon after it became the logo used on jerseys as well.

In all books published by New World Publishing, there is a professional credits page, not unlike the one on page *ii* in this publication. In cover design, we often give two citations: one listing the individual or group, which came up with the cover concept; and a second one for the artist or graphic designer who

created or refined the concept. That is what we believe should be the case here. No one person created the logo as it exists today. Certainly Bruce and Jeff came up with the all important concept, the initial creative idea, but the logo in its current form was drawn/artistically rendered by Viki. The happy accident of Phil MacDonald dropping by was the go between for the two parties.

As Viki comments, "My dad liked it; Jeff Hayes liked it, and most importantly Bob Hayes liked it.... [and it came to be]."

From letters and e-mails written to Paul Puma, Hall of Fame Project Chair, by all three parties (Bruce, Jeff and Viki) the editors are satisfied they have enough of the full story to render the credits listed above... and more importantly that the parties themselves would essentially agree with that assessment.

In any case, as the result of the collaboration, the university and its athletic programs have a fitting and distinctive logo that has stood the test of time and has represented the university well. Thank you to all who played a part in its creation [Ed.]



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1. Note the spelling of the Husky logo of UW and other places, but that Saint Mary's always spells its Huskie in this rather unique way..
  2. The choice of Husky/Huskie as a mascot in many universities is based on it being regarded as one of the most, if not, *the* most loyal of all dogs.

## The Women's Varsity Program Saint Mary's University

The History of Women's Athletics  
Kathy Mullane

### The Beginning Years: 1970 -1980

Saint Mary's University accepting female students on a full time basis! What a change for a traditional all-male school run by various religious orders for over 100 years. The year was 1968 and the women's movement had just begun and women were demanding equal opportunities in all areas of education. The 70s and 80s took women down paths and places they had never been before but always wanted. No where is this truer than in the development of women's athletics and especially women's athletics at Saint Mary's University. An add-on or an afterthought to the men's athletic program was no longer acceptable. *Title IX* had just been passed in the United States, legislating equal opportunities for female athletics. Canadian universities recognized the need to improve female programming and took steps to improve it before legislation came in that would require equal funding and equal opportunity for women



Kathy, circa 1973

Prior to 1968, several female students attended and received degrees from Saint Mary's, but not in sufficient numbers to warrant an athletic program. As more and more women began to enroll at the university on a full time basis, they began to ask for the opportunity to participate on organized teams,

especially since Saint Mary's men's teams were so successful - and had achieved national recognition.

In 1970, Frances Chisholm was hired as a part-time employee in the Athletic Department to help organize women's teams at the club level. Between 1970 and 1973 coaches were hired on a part time basis to coach Field Hockey, Basketball and Volleyball. In 1971 the field hockey team participated in the Junior Varsity league of the Maritime Women's Athletic Association (MWIAA) a forerunner to the Atlantic University Athletic Association (AUAA), which later became the Atlantic University Sport (AUS). From 1970 to 1973, Jackie Eiserman, a student at SMU, coached the women's basketball team that competed in a city league. (Jack Eiserman went on to coach the men's varsity team at the University of Ottawa for many years.) As more and more female students began to enroll at the university, the demand for opportunities for women to compete at the varsity level increased.

In 1973, Dr. Owen Carrigan, then President of the university and the father of several athletic daughters recognized that women were going to be important source of students and began to organize programming that would be required to attract them to the university. Dr. Carrigan called in Bob Hayes, the Athletic Director, and instructed him to begin the process to enter a team in the MWIAA basketball league. Hayes immediately asked about the budget and was disheartened to hear that no additional funding was to be granted - and that the funds would have to come from an already cash-strapped varsity men's budget. Not a good start for the women's program: no money, male coaches unhappy to have their budgets reduced, and having to share 'their' facilities with this new program.

The job was posted in May 1973 in the *Chronicle-Herald*; I applied and was hired to coach basketball beginning August 1, 1973. Imagine, a female with a Physical Education degree from Dalhousie University arriving as a coach at Saint Mary's! In 1973 all of the above seemed to contradict what SMU stood for a not only at the time, but for century - traditionally an all-male

Jesuit school with an emphasis on winning. Although I grew up as a Huskie fan, I had just spent four years at Dalhousie and had been indoctrinated with the idea that Bob Hayes and his staff were simply dumb jocks. So I thought that entering into a varsity athletic program for women was a very progressive move and was happy to be the first full-time female coach.

As instructed I showed up at 1:00 PM for the press conference scheduled to announce my hiring. Little did I realize that the members of the press had been there since early morning enjoying complimentary beverages with the Director of Athletics. I walked into the conference assuming I could handle this. After all this is an enlightened man who recognized the benefits of a varsity women's athletic program, not only for the female students, but for the University as a whole. However when Bob Hayes stood up to announce Saint Mary's entry into women's athletics, I began to think the 'recreationalists' at Dalhousie may be right. Hayes stated that SMU was entering into women's athletics because one way to ensure better male athletes was to ensure their mothers had some athletic background and training.

In reality, Bob Hayes was very aware that women were going to be a major source of students in the future and much like the United States, legislation for equality for male and female students would soon become a reality.

When the job was offered to me, the main emphasis was on coaching women's basketball. However, I immediately requested that we enter field hockey at the varsity level as well. The reason for that was to improve the recruitment opportunities for a school that was entering competitive women's athletics for the first time. In the 1970s female athletes usually played two sports at the university level, and felt by offering both sports, we would be in a better position to recruit the top female athletes we required to be competitive. In hindsight, being the first university to specialize in one sport may have resulted in that elusive national championship.

The importance of recruiting was one thing Bob Hayes stressed and was the key to the success of the men's programs in the 70s and 80s, but the need to recruit was a new concept for women's sport in the MWIAA. Very few programs, if any, were actively recruiting female athletes. Academic programs offered at various universities influenced the choice of universities attended for female athletes. The University of New Brunswick had dominated women's athletics in the 1960s and continued to do so in the 70s as they were the only university to offer a Bachelor of Physical Education until the late 1960s, when Dalhousie and St. Francis Xavier universities introduced similar programs.

When Saint Mary's applied to enter the MWIAA varsity league, two universities voted against the application as they were concerned that Saint Mary's would become heavily involved in recruiting and it could destroy the league. However, the application was eventually accepted with the provision that SMU compete at the Junior Varsity level in basketball and field hockey in the 1973-74 school year - to prove their ability to compete at the Varsity level.

With a beginning date of August 1, 1973, there was little time to make sure that we fielded competitive teams in both sports, a requirement if we were to move up to the varsity level in a year later. Fortunately, I was playing on the Nova Scotia Field Hockey team at the time and convinced the two players who were planning to attend university that fall to enroll at Saint Mary's University. Susan Dunbrack and Kim Robson became the first two female players recruited to Saint Mary's University; both played significant roles in the success of the field hockey and basketball teams in subsequent years.

September arrived and while we had sufficient players to field a field hockey team, I was naive to believe that recruiting and coaching were all that was required. I soon discovered that if the fields were to be lined and the nets put on those posts, it would require a very active role on my part. In the 70s, each male coach was responsible for the facility in which their team



**Susan (Dunbrack) Beazley attacking (1973)**

played; the football coach was responsible for the field, the hockey coach for the arena ... and the basketball coach for the gymnasium. Not only were they responsible for their specific facility, but they used that responsibility to provide jobs for their top recruits. Unfortunately many of these recruits did not understand or believe that they were actually supposed to work, so there were many times that several female athletes found themselves working with me lining the field and tying the nets on the posts literally as the whistle blew to start the game!

That first field hockey team (photo on obverse, page 130, met with great successes and set the stage for many championship teams to follow. The team never lost a game in league play and went on to win the AUAA Junior Varsity Field Hockey Championship. The final game was 1-0 with the winning goal scored by the centre forward, Kim Robson, when she deflected a pass from the right winger, Susan Dunbrack, past the

defending goalie. The field hockey team went on to compete at the Varsity level the following year and eventually won the first of many AUAA titles four years later in 1978. Joan Selig returned to university that year and led a rookie-laden team to their first varsity title, subsequently competing in the CIAU Championships at McGill, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>. Darlene "Rooster" Mossman scored several goals that were called back, due to what was then termed "high sticks" when the stick went above her shoulder and was considered dangerous, although those goals were scored on penalty corners where no defenders were in danger of being hit. Had those goals stood, we would have won the national championship; as in the following year, that "high stick" rule was removed. Several players from that team went on to play for Canada, including Joan Selig, goalkeeper Sherry Conrad, and winger Monica MacKenzie. The next AUAA title came in 1981 when Olympian Darlene Stoyka became a student at Saint Mary's University. Darlene still holds the AUAA record for most goals with 36 scored in a single season.

The 1978 team initiated the trend of travelling to exotic places; in the spring of 1979, the traveling to England and Scotland, playing and winning many games against top club and university teams. In addition, the team enjoyed visiting many historic sites and experienced live theatre for the first time in their lives. An auction involving the entire university, as well as many chocolate bars sold and eaten, funded the two-week trip taken on one of the first Freddie Laker flights at a cost of \$229 per person.

The field hockey teams have since gone on to win numerous AUS titles, one under Coach Jill Jeffrey and a significant number under the present coach, Sharon Rajaraman.

The 1973 -74 Basketball team was composed of many of the players from that first field hockey team, with Kim Robson and Susan Dunbrack, Mary Lou Archibald, Wendy Purkis, Ioanie MacDonald, and Sharon Murray contributing to the successes of both teams. The basketball team did not dominate the

**Saint Mary's University: 1973 AUA Junior Varsity Field Hockey Team**

**Back Row (L-R): Mary Jane White, Kathleen Hughes, Susan Dunbrack, Kim Robson, Wendy Purkis, Mary Lou Archibald, Mary Jo Marsden, Heather Donkin, Kathleen Mango, Kathy Mullane (Coach). Front Row (L-R): Darlene Monette (Manager), Trina Richards, Joany MacDonald, Patricia MacDonald, Theo Mitchell, Karen Lucas, Verona Baker, Sharon Murray**

Junior Varsity league in the same way as the field hockey team, but recording more wins than losses was sufficient to move the team into varsity competition the following year.

In the first year of varsity basketball competition the SMU team finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, beating out established teams including Acadia, St.F. X. and Mount Allison, to advance to their first championship playoffs. The playoff format consisted of the top three teams playing at the home of the league winner. UNB finished first,



**1974-75: Varsity Basketball Team**

**Front:** Susan Dunbrack, Patsy Pyke, Cindy Britten, Wanda Williams, Cathy Fifield, Jody Hayes. **Back:** Wendy Purkis, Jane May, Kim Robson, Neila McCabe, Kathy Ells, Leslie Simpson, and Kathy Mullane, Coach.

so hosted 2<sup>nd</sup> place Dalhousie University and Saint Mary's in Fiedericton .To save money, Dalhousie and SMU agreed to share a bus<sup>1</sup> to take both teams to UNB. In the 70s and 80s teams usually travelled by fourteen-passenger vans driven by the coach Along

1. Obviously the shared bus ride and the "bidding war" between Kathy Mullance and the Dal coach is an oft-remembered story which is recounted several times in this publication, so in subsequent "memories" or sports stories we have shortened those versions to a single line or footnote. [Ed.]

the way a SMU player called out to ask what was the amount of the meal allotment for the day. I answered \$10 and immediately the Dal coach called out \$12 for her players. Not to be outdone I called out \$14 to a rousing cheer from the SMU girls. By the time we were finished both teams had \$20 for the day resulting in many cheers all around.

In that inaugural year of AUAA competition, there was much discussion about what to name the women's teams. I refused to allow them to be called the "Huskiettes" as I believed it diminished the team, so when Corinne Noonan, the Public Relations Director at the time, suggested we call ourselves the "Belles of Saint Mary's", I was not entirely opposed. However, on the night of our first home basketball game as we were setting up the gym, I heard a strange tinkling noise as the team entered. Turning around, I observed the entire team with 'tiny jingle bells' tied to their shoelaces warming up to Bing Crosby's "The Bells of Saint Mary's". The play on words was not lost on me, but not long after, we became the Huskies until the 1977 season when the Belles made a brief return.

In 1974-75, the basketball team was bolstered by many additional recruits from several local high schools, inducting J. L. Hsley, St. Patrick's and Halifax-West. Each year the team became increasingly more competitive as greater numbers of players were recruited from across Canada. Players such as Nancy Knowlton, Colleen Thomson, Deanne Campbell and Olympians Carol Turney and Donna Hobin, combined with locals Cindy Britten, Kathy Ells, Dianne Chiasson, Elizabeth Hampton and Debbie Steele made the teams very competitive, which resulted in the Huskies winning their first AUAA title in 1978-79.

Over the years, several coaches contributed to the success of the basketball Huskies; Mickey Fox, Helen Castonguay, Jill Jeffrey and current head coach, Scott Munroe.

There were many who helped make the transition from club sports status to varsity competition. Gordon "Spook McLeod" was instrumental in those successes during the early years of women's

varsity competition. If Bob Hayes gave me a task to cary out and I asked for direction the response was, "figure it out, thafs why I hired you ...." But Spook was always there to help figure it out, from coaching advice to equipment storage; not only did I ask him for advice, but all the players soon discovered that Spook was a great person to help them with their adjustment to university life ... and to get their laundry done for free!

Father Hennessy and Father Stewart became great supporters of the women's program. Father Hennessy, who I am sure was not completely happy with women at his beloved university, did made it a priority to be at the beginning of all home games to say a pre-game prayer with both teams. He also kept an eye on students living in residence to ensure they were settling in and all was going well.

Father Stewart, who shared the gym stage with the basketball teams also kept an eye on the girls to make sure they were managing the academic side of university life.

Leo MacDonald, the Director of Admissions was another great supporter of the women's program, providing residence rooms for out-of-province students and making sure that academic success was rewarded.

From those inaugural days of only two varsity teams the women's program has grown to include soccer, rugby, volleyball and ice hockey, as well as basketball and field hockey. The number of female athletes has increased from the original twenty-five or so in 1973 to over 150 today. All teams have gone on to achieve great success in attracting top athletes from across Canada who had, or later would, represent Canada in international competition. For example, Carol Turney, Donna Hobin, Ioan Selig, Sherry Conrad, Monica MacKenzie, Darlene Stoyka, Susanne Muir, Iadranka Crnogorac, Kerri Smit, and Iustine Colley are all proud Huskies who have represented Canada in international competition. Numerous female athletes have been recognized as Academic All-Canadians and have been the recipients of national awards recognizing athletic



Donna Hobin (R) with Anne Murray as she returns to Halifax at the Metro Centre - a generation later. Dianne<sup>1</sup> was selected as the Female Athlete-of-the-Year, and later also became the first female athlete to be inducted into the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame.

## Varsity Women's Basketball Program: 1974-2011

1974-75 was the beginning of varsity competition for the Saint Mary's University women's basketball team, hi their first year of completion at the elite level, the team played twenty-four league and exhibition games, finishing the season with a very respectable fifteen wins and nine losses. The team won their first invitational tournament at Acadia University. Team MVP, Cindy Britten, one of the top point guards in the league and in the history of Huskie women's teams, led the team to a third place finish and their first ever playoff berth, hi placing third, the team defeated well-established varsity programs such as St. Francis Xavier X-ettes, the Mount Allison Angels and the UPEI Pantherettes. As well as leading in total assists, Cindy was also the team's second highest scorer.

Rookies Neila McCabe and Leslie Simpson played major roles in the team's success. Kim Robson and Sue Dunbrack, the only returnees from the previous year's Iunior Varsity team and the first two female players recruited to Saint Mary's University, also

1. See Diane Chaisson's write-up with Barbara Dorey's sketch, pp. 39-40) [Ed.]

contributed to the team's success. Kim was the third highest scorer, while and Sue with her speed and hustle was second in rebounding and fourth in scoring. Sue's outstanding contribution led to her being selected as the Outstanding Female Athlete-of-the-Year. Rookies Patsy Pyke, Cathy Fifield, Wanda Williams, Kathy Ells and Jody Hayes all played a big part in the success of the first women's varsity team at Saint Mary's University.

The team traveled to UNB for their first ever AUS playoff. The team lost to the second place finishers, Dalhousie University, who were then defeated in the final by UNB, the perennial league champions.

Neila led the team in rebounding and scoring and did much to help the team makes its 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. Leslie Simpson, who also played on the Field Hockey team, was third in rebounding



**1976 AUSA Basketball Champions**

Back: Mickey Fox (Coach), Darlene Mossman, Debbie Lawrence, Donna Hobin, Colleen Thompson, Barb Hart, Kathy Mullane (C). Front Jody hayes, Liz Hampton, Nancy Collins, Dcindy Britten, Debbie Steele, Carol Turney.

and fourth in overall scoring; that resulted in Leslie being chosen Female Rookie-of-the-Year.

Nancy Knowlton joined the team for the 1975-76 season and expectations for an AUAA Championship were very high. Nancy, who had represented Canada in international competition, stepped up as the team leader. One of the most exciting moments of the season was defeating previously unbeaten UNB Red Bloomers by a score of 59-58. Six-foot six-inch rookie Debbie Steele also joined the team in 1975 and steadily improved throughout the season. The team finished the season with an 8 and 4 record, good enough for third place. Nancy Knowlton led the league in scoring and went on to win the SMU Female Athlete-of-the-Year. However, the team again lost in the semi-finals in the AUAA Championship.

After only three years of varsity competition, the 1976-77 Women's Basketball Team won the first ever AUAA title in any sport for a Saint Mary's University Women's Varsity team. The team had taken on a new dimension, one that put them in contention for the CIAU crown.

The addition of National Team members Donna Hobin and Carol Turney to a squad with two AUAA All-Stars, Cindy Britten and Nancy Knowlton, who led the league in scoring, made the goal of a national championship achievable. Unfortunately Nancy Knowlton was declared ineligible at the beginning of the season as it was determined that her two years in a Quebec junior college counted toward her eligible years. However, even without Nancy, the team won the first Atlantic University Athletic Association title by a Saint Mary's Women's Varsity team, a feat that has not been achieved since. Brian Heaney, Coach of the 1976 Women's Olympic team, played a key role in encouraging Carol Turney and Donna Hobin to remain in Halifax and play for the Huskies.

At the beginning of the season, Kathy Mullane also requested experienced coaching assistance for such high calibre players, so Mickey Fox stepped in as Head Coach. Under Mickey's

guidance, the team never lost a league game and easily won the AUS Championship defeating UNB 52-40 in the semi-finals



**1977 AUAA Champions; Third Place in CIAU Playoffs<sup>1</sup>**

and Dalhousie 64-48 to win the first and only AUS title to date for Women's Basketball. Carol Turney set a scoring record of 50 points in a single game, a record that stands today. Carol won numerous All-Star awards throughout the year, along with being selected the SMU Female Athlete-of-the-Year.

The team traveled to Calgary to compete in their first ever CIAU Championship where they defeated the University of Alberta 74-56 but later lost to Concordia University and the University of Victoria.

In 1977-78 Kathy Mullane returned as Head Coach and the team looked toward defending their AUAA title.

Carol Turney returned to Victoria and several players made the decision to concentrate on academics. New recruits loan Langley and Liz Hampden helped make the transition to a new

1. A complete list of the players and coaches (known as the 'Belles') is found on p. \_\_, as is their selection as the first women's team to the SMU Sport Hall of Fame.

year easier. All players, with the exception of Liz Hampden were also members of the Field Hockey team that had won the AUAA title and competed in the CIAU Championships in November.

The success of the Field Hockey team, however, came at the expense of the Basketball program. Being several months behind the other teams in the league in preparation led to a slow start and the loss of several games at the start of the season. These early losses contributed to the team missing the AUAA playoffs.

The 1978-79 Season started out with a bang... Donna Hobin and Colleen Thomson returned to the team... and in the first home game defeated UNB, the defending AUAA Champions. The team, led by Cathy Hanrahan, played outstanding defensively, holding UNB to their lowest points total of the season. Celebrating the victory the team went to the arena to watch the Hockey Huskies. Unfortunately, Donna Hobin was injured when a piece of the glass paneling fell, striking her foot. A quote from *The Journal* of November 22, 1978 summed up the accident, "Speaking about our atrocious facilities, an accident occurred in the arena on Sunday which resulted in one of our star athletes, Donna Hobin, requiring four stitches in her foot. It seems that she sustained this injury while innocently watching a varsity hockey game. As a player hit the battered old boards, a plate of glass broke loose and fell on Donna Hobin's foot. We wish her a speedy recovery."



**Liz Hampden, 1978**

The injury hampered Donna for several years and hurt her chances of making the Olympic team for a second time. With a healthy Donna Hobin, the team could have likely won their second AUS title. Even so the team knocked off second place team Dalhousie by ten points in the semi-final game.

In that game both Liz Hampden and Colleen Thomson stepped up with the games of their lives. However, with the advantage of home gym, UNB went on to defeat the Huskies in the Championship game. Kathy Mullane was selected AUAA Coach-of-the-Year and Dianne Chiasson was an AUAA All-Star once again.

The following year, September 1979, Helen Castonguay took over as Head Basketball Coach when Kathy Mullane agreed to take over Helen's position in Student Services and their corresponding duties were exchanged.

Helen's first year in coaching was somewhat of a challenge; she had taken over another coach's team in the mid-September and time was required for the team to make the adjustment to the change in coaching styles.

The first year was a learning experience, but by the second year Helen's recruiting program began to pay off. New recruits Sharon Simpson, Diane Young, Tracey Vanier and Maureen Houlihan were added to the veterans led by Dianne Chiasson and Kathy Ells, Annelie Vandenberg and Cathy Hanrahan. The team was third at the end of league play finishing behind the perennially strong Dalhousie Tigers and the first place UNB Red Bloomers. The Huskies looked strong going into the playoffs and had hopes of winning another AUAA Championship.

The semi-final between Dalhousie and Saint Mary's ended in a 66-62 victory for the Huskies and Dalhousie's first loss of the season. But once again the UNB Red Bloomers dashed the Huskies' hopes of an AUS Championship and the team had to be content with the runner-up position.

Helen won the AUAA Coach-of-the-Year and Dianne Chiasson won recognition as an AUAA All-Star and became the first SMU player to be chosen as a CIAU All-Star.

The 1981-82 Season saw Dianne Chiasson and Kathy Hanrahan graduate and leave the team, but rookies Sandra Mumford and Lisa Janes made major strides in filling those positions. Although the team was competitive, they did not make the playoffs.

The 1982-83 Team once again returned to the AUAA playoffs on the basis of 7-7 league record and a fourth place finish. Once more a strong UNB team stood in the way of a conference title when they defeated the Huskies in the semi-finals.

Second year player Sandra Mumford was selected to the AUAA All-Star team for her outstanding performance in rebounding. Karen McKellar - team leader, captain and Outstanding Female Athlete-of-the-Year graduated in 1982 and left a large void to be filled. Returning players Annelie Vandenberg, Sandra Mumford and Michelle Guance filled the void on that 1983-84 team. After a successful pre-season tournament, the team achieved a 9-5 record and once again faced UNB in the semi-finals. The Red Bloomers prevented the Huskies from winning the elusive AUAA title with a 75-56 win. However Michelle Guance finished as the top scorer in the league and Sandra Mumford was second resulting in both players being chosen as AUAA All-Stars. Team Captain Annelie Vandenberg was the all-round team leader and was chosen Female Athlete-of-the-Year. Newcomer Bonnie Estwick finished third in rebounding with a 9.2 average, establishing her in third place in the all-time records. Helen Castonguay continued as head coach into the 1986-87 Season. As well as coaching basketball, Helen took on the responsibility of coaching the women's field hockey team in the fall of 1986. Once again many of the players competed on both teams resulting in a shorter pre-season for the basketball team and losses early in the season resulted in the team missing out on the playoffs.

At the end of the 1986-87 Season, Ian McGregor took over as Assistant Director of Athletics and looked toward reorganizing the Department. Helen left the University to pursue a successful career in Education

In 1987, Jill Jeffrey was hired as Head Coach of both Women's Basketball and Field Hockey. Jill had just finished an outstanding year coaching at Sir John A. MacDonald High School. Her high school record, in addition to her experience playing at UNB made her the top choice to coach at the university level. Once again, a late start in the recruiting year was somewhat of a challenge for the new coach, but Jill landed one of the top recruits in the

Atlantic Provinces when Cindy Flynn committed to attend Saint Mary's University Searching through the residences for other potential players, Jill discovered Allyson Cushing and convinced her to come out and play for the Huskies, a decision that benefited both the team and Allyson.

Cindy and Allyson, along with Charlene Falk, became the heart and soul of the new edition of the Huskies. Each was a perennial all-star, with Allyson Cushing becoming one of the first players to be named as an Academic All-Canadian.

Jill recruited an amazing number of outstanding players to the Saint Mary's women's basketball program: Suzanne Muir, Tina Creelman, Lori Messer, Jad Crnogorac, Norma Mcleod, Bonnie McLean, Kristi-Jo Robinson, Jen Reed, Julie Galipeau, Laura MacPherson and Alise Brown. All these players have made outstanding contribution to the Huskies and each has made either a first or second team AUS All-Star at least once during her career.

Jad Crnogorac was first team AUS All-Star during all five years she played at Saint Mar/s. In her final and most outstanding season, Jad captured the league scoring title, finishing second in assists and first in defensive rebounds. She was also a second team All-Canadian and was the AUS nominee for the Howard Mackie Award as the top CIAU Athlete.

Julie Galipeau took over where Jad left off. Julie led the country in rebounding for most of the year and was named CIAU Rookie-of-the-Year along with the AUAA Rookie-of-the-Year and an AUAA All-Star. Like Jad, Julie was an AUAA All-Star in all of her years in competition; she also earned the league MVP honors several times and was selected



**Alise Brown, Huskie, driving the lane; circa, 2001.**

to the CIAU All-Star team. Throughout Jill's career the team came very close to winning the elusive AUAA title.



**Kristi-Jo Robinson, Saint Mary's University, fending off a Dalhousie U. defender en route to the basket.**

The 1997-98 Season was one of the most exciting, finishing the season with a league record of 14-6. The team finished third in AUAA league play and lost by two points in a heart-breaking game to rivals Dalhousie in the AUAA playoff in PEL. Jad Crnogorac was named the AUAA league MVP and Coach Jeffrey was named Coach-of-the-Year.

The 2000-2001 Edition of the team capped off a very successful season with a 12-8 record. The Huskies bowed out of the AUS playoffs in March with another heart-breaker, a three-point loss to rival UNB at the buzzer; the team was led by Julie Galipeau who captured honours as the AUS League MVP. Following Julie, Laura MacPherson and Alise Brown joined the Huskies. They both followed in the footsteps of Jad and Julie winning numerous AUS All-Star awards.

Even with the efforts of these outstanding players the AUS title was not to be captured again. By the mid-2000's, Memorial

American Games. Coach Munroe and lustine<sup>1</sup> will lead the team into the future and will work towards winning that elusive AUS Basketball Championship and then move on to our first CIS title for women

**Saint Mary's Women's Sports Go Varsity:  
Kathy Ells, Student-athlete, 1974-1980**

In 1973 I was entering grade twelve when my family had just moved to Dartmouth. Reading the local newspaper I noticed an article in the sports section announcing the hiring of Kathy Mullane as the head coach for women's sports at Saint Mary's University. The article also announced that women's sports programs at SMU were moving up to varsity level with Kathy becoming the first full-time female coach hired by Saint Mary's. I don't remember why, but for some reason I decided to cut out the article and save it, but somehow I knew instinctively that Saint Mary's University would be my choice if I decided to go to university - and that I wanted to try out for the Woman's basketball team. In 1974, I enrolled at SMU.

Being somewhat naive I had no idea that athletes were generally recruited at the varsity level to play sports, but just assumed that there would be posters around campus and that anyone could try out. At the time, I was living in residence and playing in the championship touch football game for Vanier C-house's women's intra-mural team against a non-residence team. I was the quarterback for our team and we won that championship game. Kathy Mullane had come out to watch the game and for some reason I had caught her attention? To this day I still believed it might have had something to do with an incident involving lody Hayes and Cindy Britten, as they had tried to tackle me and both ended up on the ground while I continued to run downfield. At the end of the game Kathy asked if I played basketball. When I informed her I had played the previous year at Prince Andrew High, she then asked if I would like to try out for the varsity team. Apparently I had now been recruited!

1. Scott Munro presents Justine Colley with the Basketball MVP award at the SMU Sports Awards in the 2011-12 Update at end of book.(p. )



**Jill Jeffroy-coached Basketball Team w Huskie Mascot (Rrstone photo)**  
Clockwise Top L to Bottom R: Wendy Mills, Nadia Murphy, Jill Jeffrey, Christina Chadwick, Trish Waugh, Kari Scott, Shiri Hassanalli, Melanie Thomas, Kathi Hack, Natalie Ryan, Lindsay Wetsford, Julie Galipeau, Josyln Chevrie, Jody Euloth, Kristi Jo Robinson, Katie Gammon, Carolyn DeAmicis

University of Newfoundland and Cape Breton replaced Dalhousie and UNB as the league power houses and went on to dominate the league for the next ten years.

In the fall of 2008, Scott Munroe replaced Jill Jeffrey as head coach. Similar to previous coaches, Scott was hired late in the year with little opportunity to recruit. However, by his second season, SMU made it to the championship final before losing to Cape Breton in the last minute of play. Scott has also continued the tradition of recruiting the top rookie in the region lustine Colley, widely recruited in both Canada and the US, opted to stay in Halifax and play for Coach Munro. lustine went on to win AUS Rookie-of-the-Year. In her first year lustine was also selected to try out for the National Team and in 2011 represented Canada in the University Games and the Pan-

The varsity basketball team had a couple of players who had played SMU junior basketball the previous year; one who had transferred from St. F. X. and then the rest were freshmen just out of high school. Some of the other universities didn't really want SMU in the league as they felt that we wouldn't be competitive. Well, we showed those non-believers: we came third in the league standings and headed to Fredericton for the playoffs. As history would demonstrate, this was just the first of many appearances for SMU in the playoffs over the next 35 plus years. In those days only three teams made it to playoffs; UNB was the host with Dalhousie and Saint Mary's making it three. I'm not sure who made the travel arrangements, but for some reason Dal and SMU decided to *share* a bus for the trip to Fredericton ... let the rivalry begin!

On our drive<sup>1</sup> to Fredericton we stopped for an early supper and the Dal coach announced to her team that they each had \$5 for supper. Let me tell you, the players from both teams were really enjoying this battle, and in the end after both coaches finally chatted, we ended up in double digits for our meal allowance. I recall thinking: "Wow, the competition had already begun and we haven't even got off the bus yet!!!" We ended up losing that semi final game to Dal on Friday night, with UNB winning the Championship, but that bus ride was the beginning of what was to become a long and still on-going cross-town rivalry between the two schools.

Of course after losing to Dalhousie on the basketball court we still had to share a bus with them to return home. I remember we had just boarded the bus to begin our long ride back to Halifax when I noticed the Dal players were all chewing gum and laughing. The next thing we knew the bubble gum was being gathered up and put in one large ball and stretched from one end of the bus to the other. The coaches were not impressed but the players sure thought it was funny and a great way to make a long bus ride shorter. Needless to say, that event was *the first and last*

1. This is one of several versions of the "bidding war" between SMU's Kathy Mullane and the Dalhousie coach, a story referred to in three or more essays in this publication. [Ed.]

time those two teams ever traveled together! What was especially memorable about the entire experience, beyond the bidding war and the gum wrapped bus, was that made friends from both teams, many of whom still stay in contact with one another today.

During my second year at Saint Mary's, Nancy Knowlton, a very talented player from Quebec who had played several years in the Quebec Junior College program, joined our



Nancy Knowlton receiving award from Bob Hayes, AD

varsity team. Nancy was searching for an organized structure and location to play basketball once the school year finished so she asked Kathy Mullane if SMU would start up a spring league, and that is how the Saint Mary's Women's Basketball Spring League was born. Newspaper ads were sent out inviting all senior, university, college and top high school players to join the league and luckily enough players signed up to have six teams of ten players each with the league competing twice a week. By year two, the

Spring League had grown to eight teams, which were had equal proportions of high school players, university players and senior players to keep the teams balanced and competitive. The league was also fortunate enough to find a sponsor for most years, which enabled the league to assign coaches and t-shirts to each team.

The spring league provided a friendly but very competitive level of basketball for players and inter-university rivalries seemed to disappear during the league as the players from various universities actually became teammates, at least for while. In fact I remember a Dal player talking to three SMU players one day at the league and at the end of the conversation she

responded with, "Man, you guys are actually really nice! I was told by my Dal teammates that all SMU players were really mean!!!"

One of the great legacies of the league has been that it has provided a format for young women to improve their skills, build relationships, and develop confidence such that by the time those high school players had graduated, they are much more prepared and skilled to compete at the next level.

I feel very privileged to have had the chance to play and coach basketball at Saint Mary's. It has given me the opportunity to meet so many great individuals, many who are still close friends today. I also sincerely believe that my experiences at SMU have helped to prepare me for the working world.

#### My First Recollection of Saint Mary's University Annelie Vandenberg

My first recollection of Saint Mary's University is watching the 1978 men's CIAU Basketball final on television with a crowd of 11,000 at the newly opened Halifax Metro Centre. Little did I know, only a few short years later I would be playing at that same Metro Centre for that same university.

It was September, 1980 when I stepped wide-eyed onto the field at Saint Mary's and donned the maroon and white. For the next five years I would have the privilege of playing for two wonderful coaches: field hockey coach, Kathy Mullane and basketball coach, Helen Castonguay.

Of the twelve players on the field hockey team, seven were rookies, so we were a pretty inexperienced group, who had to rely on veterans Diane Chaisson, Mitch Doyle, Karen McKellar, Statia Elliot and Vivian Mancini. The home games were played on the field that is now the site of the Homburg Heath & Wellness Centre, including the original Tower Athletic Facility, a rather bumpy field and when wet, mostly mud! More than once opposing players swung at the ball with no intention of

hitting it, but simply to spread as much mud on the opposition as possible. The league consisted of nine teams during the early-to-mid-80s, with the top four teams making the playoffs. During my first three years we missed making the playoffs, but just barely, eventually making them during my fourth; we won the AUAA championship that year, my last one at SMU.

During those years they only announced an All-Star team; there were no awards such as a League MVP, and they also didn't even name an All-Canadian team, although for at the Nationals they did choose an all-tournament team. Before the field hockey season was complete, basketball had begun, and since six team members played both sports, there was a one month overlap of these two sports. An early season road trip to Montreal, with flowered suitcases, was the beginning of a very competitive year, with the team finishing 10-6 in league play. The team, however, saved their best for the playoffs when they upset the heavily favoured and nationally-ranked Dalhousie Tigers in the semi-finals; when the local paper stated they should win the game by forty points - that clipping was handed out at practice and provided plenty of motivation.

Transportation for road trips involved fifteen-seater vans or a bus that were shared with either the men's soccer or basketball team depending upon the season; it was always entertaining trip listening to coaches Clements and Mullane arguing at the front of the bus. When traveling in the van the rookies were relegated to the rear, and if the seniors ever requested to sit at the back of the van you knew something was up, especially when they had the window open in the middle of winter. Periodically, if a coach wished to stay to scout another team, the manager or one of the players drove the van home ... funny ... whenever



Annelie  
Vandenberg

that happened there always seemed to be a stop at the liquor store. And it wasn't always the players who wanted to stop at the liquor store: traveling home from PEI one year, we almost missed the last ferry off the Island as the men's basketball coach had the bus driver stop to meet a local bootlegger!

The 1981-82 field hockey training camp opened on the Halifax Commons in rain and wind, making for a muddy start to the year. One rookie spent most of those practices running on the field with one hand on her stick and the other holding up her sweatpants: who knew that "Maloney" would later marry football coach, Larry Uteck, and still later become a city councilor. The field hockey season didn't end in October that year, what with fund raising throughout the winter and attending the Bermuda Hockey Festival in March. In Bermuda I recall two memorable quotes from Kathy: "Just make sure you show up for the game." ... and ... "We might want to avoid a male team from England called the 'Poachers'". However, the latter admonishment was too late; we had already met them. There were far too many events to write everything down, but a few highlights included: Vivian forgot how to use the brakes on her Moped and plowed headfirst through a botanical garden; another player stole a flag and was arrested; while a third literally walked off a cliff - the list went on. Despite all that we won the Consolation game in that Bermuda Hockey Festival

1982-83 was the year of Astroturf! We spent time practicing in the end zones when only a portion of the turf had been laid just to get a feel for it. Kathy traveled to Australia that year, so Helen coached the team, and she let the goalie, Margie Longley, play out! Margie had such a great year playing out, she was named the team MVP and a league All-Star. Trips to play Memorial University always had the potential to be interesting, especially in winter, however, only once were we storm-stayed and had the 'pleasure' of spending another night in the old Barracks.

SMU Basketball teams were always competitive; perhaps not always the tallest or the most skilled, but we were well-coached

and in great shape. Unfortunately we often missed the playoffs by one spot, finishing in fifth place (four teams made the playoffs) in the league several times: so close, yet so far. Others included Moe Houlihan, a great three-point shooter, Michele Gaunce, Sandra Mumford, Tracey Vanier, to name but a few in addition to those cited above. We always arrived for practices a few days after Christmas, and if the holiday skipping had been overlooked, the line drills could pose a problem for some, and the phrase "on the line" became part of our everyday vocabulary. There were some great rivalries in that league, many that continue to this day; games against Dalhousie and UNB, perennial powerhouses, were always games on the top of our list. We were also fortunate to have the opportunity to play in different and sometimes spectacular venues, with several of our home games in the Halifax Metro Centre, and once at the Aitken Centre at UNB, and although we didn't pack the place, those experiences were memorable.

The 1983-84 season began with another pre-season road trip, this time to Boston to play against several university teams. The van ride kept us in stitches with a barrage of comments by Karen "Whitey" White: that continued non-stop until coach Mullane finally interjected: "Whitey you're not allowed to talk for the next half hour"; still she managed to keep us laughing. On refectation, I have to thank my mother: I called her on our way to Boston and with less than an hour's notice asked if we could drop by for lunch; we rolled into Rothesay and she had lunch ready for the thirteen players and coaches on the team. We only had eleven players that year - which meant no subs - no one was *peinitted* to get hurt - and everyone learned to suck it up quickly. For some players, such as Carol Skillen, that became an art - she was like a ball magnet. We had a great year and lost a very close game (2-1) to UNB in the semi-finals.

In 1984 we won the AUAA field hockey championship with a very strong team; the addition of a star player from the National team, Darlene Stoyka, certainly helped the cause. The team set records for: *most goals in a game* (15), *most team goals in a season* (68), *most goals by a single player in a game* (9) and *most goals by a player in a season* (35); I'm not sure whether

those records have ever been broken? Nationals that year were in Vancouver where we were supposed to play on the beautiful fields at UBC, however, a bit of snow threw the city into chaos and the tournament moved indoors to BC Place Stadium; it was a quite overwhelming as we walked into that vast space. Unfortunately, the injury bug hit the team with key players going down, but still finished in fourth place. We got to and from the field via a mini bus, but when Kathy attempted to drive over some concrete pylons and a large "J — C —" came from the back of the van, we became the only team whose Athletic Director was also their bus driver! Thanks Bob... and thank you Dr. Ozmon for your support.

What most people don't often understand is the time commitment that varsity athletes must make: juggling studies and practices, with many adding part-time jobs to the mix. For those of us who played both sports that year, we had a six-week stretch beginning in mid-October where we were on the road every weekend. The first weekend we drove to Moncton and Fredericton for games; the next weekend we flew to Newfoundland; the weekend after flew to Fredericton for the AUAA playoffs. We won that one and two days later flew to Vancouver for the Nationals. During the following weekend basketball season began, so it was off to Acadia for a tournament; then we drove to Laval for yet another tournament, and finally flew to Ontario for a tournament at Brock University. Everyone had to find ways to remain awake at night in order to study and finish papers on time.

Saint Mary's also placed three players on the All-Star Atlantic team that competed at the CIAU indoor field hockey championship in March: Angie Banks, Darlene Stoyka and me, with the team winning the national title.

Memories at Saint Mary's - there were so many: being tapped by Father Hennesey's cane as you walked by him in the hallways; tea at Cathy and Diane's apartment; borrowing Kathy's Vega; 'Care' packages when we visited towns where team members had family. Then there was Vern Creighton, the ultimate cheerleader; Dennis MacPhee as a hockey enforcer; Jim Czenze and Mark Hiedlebreck with the big drum behind the X-bench during basketball games in the 'Pif; basketball scrimmages against football players including

Mike OBrien and Mike Brown; followed by Winter Carnival, broomball tournaments with the men's soccer team and Caps tournaments against them... we kicked your butt every time Webb!

A few players tried to practice what we learned in our commerce courses by becoming entrepreneurs during the era of 'no Sunday shopping'. It was fall, we still had cash flow, as student loans had just arrived, so we went to the liquor store and completely filled up "Patch" (the name attached to Viv's car)... we were going to become bootleggers! It didn't work - with help from several football players, we were our own best, or perhaps worst, customers.

Budgets, then like now, were very tight so you were required to fund-raise for the extra road trips, warm-up suits ... the extras. Coach Kathy, however, had no lack of imagination when it came to fund-raising. We did everything from bottle-drives, becoming a cheering section for a candidate at a political convention, to walking around the Halifax Commons in the middle of the night selling programs during Pope Paul H's 1984 visit to Halifax.

Through the years we became very proficient at drinking tea while watching the soaps, playing cards and knitting lopi sweaters. But, Saint Mary's wasn't just about learning in the classroom - we also learned about life; the support we received from the university community, the administration, professors and fellow students will never be forgotten. In practices and games, we learned how to push ourselves to the limit, lessons that have helped us in our careers and in facing life's challenges. A special bond is created among teams as everyone understands and respects the efforts put forth by one another, and if someone stumbles a teammate is there to help them up ... and that doesn't stop once school days have finished.

Saint Mary's is rich in history, coaches and administrators who became pioneers in their field - they were legends. Bob Hayes - thanks to him I'll always think of Dalhousie as the Soot & Yellow; 'Coach' Roy Clements, Elizabeth Chard, Larry Uteck, A1 Keith.

Take the people out of Saint Mary's and it simply becomes buildings and classrooms, a place where you received a degree, but it was those personalities who created the memories. Thanks for all those great memories.

## **Women's Field Hockey Program Saint Mary's University**

### **An Overview: Kathy Mullane**

Atlantic university Field Hockey dates back to 1952 under the title of the (MWIAU) Atlantic Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Union Ground Hockey Trophy. Saint Mary's began a field hockey program in the 1970s when women began to attend this formerly all boys' school. Kathy Mullane was hired to coach the two female sports offered at SMU: Women's Basketball and Field Hockey. The history of these two sports as the primary women's sporting programs at the time dates back to shortly after WWII when the Nova Scotia School Sport Federation only offered these two female sports in the schools of Nova Scotia.

Kathy Mullane began coaching at Saint Mary's in 1973. The Saint Mary's Team entered the (AUAA) Atlantic University Athletic Association in 1974. At that time, nine Atlantic Universities participated in the league: SMU, DAL, UNB, UPEI, Acadia, MUN, UdeM, St. F X, and Mt. Allison. During the 1980's there was a decline in participating teams, such that by 1992 there were only three teams remaining in the AUAA Field Hockey League: SMU, UPEI, UNB. The league continued under this format until 2004. The AUAA became the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) in 2000 and the (CIAU) Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union became the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) the following year. In 1994 UNB withdrew from the AUS and field hockey was discontinued as an AUS sport as all conferences must be comprised of a minimum of three teams. Both UPEI and SMU remained registered with the CIS and participated in the sport of Field Hockey in the newly formed Atlantic University Field Hockey League. In 2005 this league allowed university club teams to participate as well as CIS-registered teams, so the league grew to five teams: SMU, UPEI, UNB, DAL, and Acadia. The winner of the Atlantic regional CIS registered teams would now need to qualify for CIS Championships through the Ontario University Athletics

(OUA) conference play-offs. This league grew to six in 2009 with the addition of St. F. X. as a club team; Dal, during the same year also moved to CIS-registered status.

The Saint Mary's field hockey team was coached by Kathy Mullane from 1973-1986 and won the AUAA title in 1977; and again in 1984. Helen Castonguay filled in as the field hockey coach for one year during 1982. Jill Jeffrey became the Saint Mary's coach for five years from 1987 -1991 winning the AUAA title in 1988. Sharon Rajaraman took over coaching the field hockey team in 1992 and has remained to the present day, winning the AUS/Atlantic title an impressive seven times; 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2008, and 2011, including five in a row from 2000 to 2004 inclusive.

Also in 2003 the AUS Championship Huskies won the CIS Bronze Medal. Although there was no CIS Bronze Medal play-off game in field hockey in 1977, the records read during their induction into the SMU Sport Hall of Fame in 2011, that the 1977-78 field hockey team (then the Saint Mary's Belles) finished 3rd at the CIS Championships that year.

### **Women's Field Hockey Program: the Modern Era Sharon Rajaraman, Coach (1992- Present)**

I have had the honour and privilege of being a part of the women's athletic program at Saint Mary's as the Women's Field Hockey Coach, where I had the wonderful opportunity of making many friends. I also acquired many fond memories of my experiences at Saint Mary's, some of which I treasure deeply and will share with you, the reader.

My first recollection of Saint Mary's was prior to attending university, as a Provincial field hockey player I played in the springtime Saint Mary's Camp of Champions Field Hockey League. I recall Elizabeth Chard being present to hand out the trophy at the end of the season. At that time I really did not know who Elizabeth Chard was, but soon after joining the Saint Mary's coaching staff, became fully

aware of the iconic role she played both at Saint Mary's and within university sport. Her stamp was on many things as her reach was both far and wide.

Then there was Kathy Mullane: I was fortunate to have Kathy coach me when I was on the 1981 Nova Scotia Canada Games team. At that time I also had the opportunity to play with Sue Uteck (Maloney) and Annelie Vandenberg, becoming good friends with both. Although I did not attend Saint Mary's University as they did, I gave them the pleasure of torturing me for the rest of my life - I had attended Dalhousie. This whole rivalry thing between universities became abundantly dear to me during my second year in university. I was enrolled in a Bachelor of Recreation Degree at DAL and was given a class assignment - the task of evaluating the Saint Mary's Athletic Department. I made an appointment to meet the Athletic Director, a guy named Bob Hayes. His first words to me when we met were, "you're awfully brave coming down here," and in that moment felt more stupid than brave. But I survived. Hayes had lots of advice, most notable being, "you didn't really think I would give away any of our secrets."

Bob retired before I began coaching at Saint Mary's, but he was still working in the university and always knew what was happening; he was one of the very first to congratulate the field hockey team when we won the CIS Bronze in 2003; he knew what a huge accomplishment it was for Women's Sport at SMU. Bob also paid for new uniforms, when funding was low, but the need was clear, commenting, "The girls have to look good". But above all, he valued and respected the coaches at Saint Mary's. He always told me (as I know he did the other coaches), "You're the best damn coach at Saint Mary's." He knew we were there because we loved to coach in the sport that we were passionate about and gave everything we had to make Saint Mary's proud. My most memorable moment with Bob was when we were attending the appointment of Dave Murphy as the new Athletic Director at Saint Mary's. I was walking from the parking lot into the reception, as Bob slowly got out of his truck while I waited - by that time he was walking with a cane. Bob had just returned from hunting and had paused to throw a tarp

over his rifles in the back of the truck. He told me how he used to hunt, walking for hours through the woods in the back-country searching for deer. Then he continued to tell me how today he just drives down a back road, sits in his car and shoots out the window. Bob always made me laugh and I respected him greatly.

It was during my second year at Saint Mary's as a coach that I made friends with Coach Roy Clements, the stern, gruff, twenty-plus-year former soccer coach at Saint Mary's, who It was during my second year at Saint Mary's as a coach that apparently had coached everyone in the soccer community or so it seemed! At one point I was in need of pinnies and cones for the SMU soccer team supplies and I had asked about the best place to obtain them; I was referred to "Coach". I entered his office and he gave me 'the look', then gruffly asked, "What the hell do you want, I knew you would come to me eventually for something." I told him what I needed and he

had it ordered and almost delivered in as long as it took to make a phone call ... when coach wanted something, people jumped ... I was impressed! Coach and I became good friends and he always was there to help or give advice, even to those who did not want or ask for it, although with Coach, it was always given with good intentions. Coach provided many of the athletes with jobs by being the 'ticket master: for varsity games, and in the process carved many of them into fine, hard working and honest people without them even knowing it! Coach had a deep gruff voice, so one Christmas when my son's were two and three years of age, Coach was wearing a Santa hat, and when he saw my boys he chortled: "Ho, Ho, Ho", and took them upon his lap, then asked them what they wished for



Christmas. For a few years after, when my sons were asked where Santa worked, they responded, "at Saint Mary's." Coach Clements had two grandsons close in age to my sons and they all adored him immensely.

Larry Uteck was the football coach at Saint Mary's for many years during a time when the men's football and women's field hockey teams shared the field for practices. Coach Uteck and I got along great. On any eligibility issue, Larry knew the answers and was the 'go to' person for this well before he became Athletic Director. He was a great leader: as Athletic Director, he asked each coach what we needed to win, found a way to provide it, but then the pressure was on us to perform. For field hockey, Larry pushed to have Saint Mary's host the CIS Field Hockey Championships in 2002, which led to our CIS bronze medal success in 2003. He was admired by everyone at SMU; so when he became ill, he chose to live out the remainder of his life with us - his friends and family. He made a difference in each of our lives through his dedication and commitment to something greater than himself. Larry passed away in December of 2002 and watched Saint Mary's have its most successful athletic season in history from another place - above. No one has any doubt that it was leadership that got us to that place that year.

CIS Field Hockey Bronze Medal 2003! For anyone coaching at the university level, there is no other defining moment of success than when one wins a CIS Medal. The field hockey team did that in 2003, the only Saint Mary's female sport to win a CIS medal to date. Kathy Mullane, (also known as Mummer Mullane by the girls) was with us for that defining event, but unfortunately had to leave before the team received their medals in Toronto. Kathy flew back early to watch the SMU soccer team win the AUS Championships hosted by SMU - and apologized for years for not staying to see the girls take home the bronze. She did not know at the time that we were all thankful that she had left as the girls were, left say, celebrating "Huskie style" - and it was all we could do to get them on the flight home. Kathy's reputation as University's diplomatic representative would have been shot had she been there. I did tell Kathy years later, still it was kind of her to apologize during all of those years. Kathy was, still is, and will always be the great leader for women's

sport at Saint Mary's, never to be outdone for her contribution to athletics, as well as a great friend to us all.

I would not have been able to write anything without inducting something about the many great athletes I have coached, having shared both great and very sad moments with the teams I have coached, both sports-related and in their personal lives. My philosophy of coaching is based on one simple fact: that I am only one member on the team, the team always came first. Somehow, this worked as it, more often than not, got the best out of the players. So many special memories about each and every athlete, and so many good times!

I was fortunate to have some very dedicated and committed players and teams. My first few years coaching at Saint Mary's involved a great group of girls who were determined to win! SMU suffered devastating losses to the powerhouse UNB squad, by close scores each time and the latter went on to win back-to-back CIS Silver Medals. I don't think the SMU athletes ever knew how great they were, but I certainly did - and still rank them among the best!

Over the years I had heard some great excuses for missing practices but just when I thought that I had heard them all, a new one would take me by surprise. The amazing thing was that most were actually legitimate. However, explain this to me though 'How you go to the shopping center and end up in Bridgewater?' My response: the next time: lie!

The one hard and fast rule I had about road trips was simply: always be on time. Once I recall driving away from the Tower for an 'away' game - as I passed one of our players walking towards the Tower with her roller bag, the shocked look on her face when she realized that we had left her is unforgettable. She was only the team Captain! We had accidentally forgotten her... It happens!

Winning the AUA title for the first time was exciting, but prompted the following notes on when you know you're celebrating too hard: not remembering where you live, even who your coach is! Watch out for that Huskie water!

I have had the opportunity to coach many great athletes who went on to play on national teams, who stated that it had to be in field hockey only! Some very talented athletes indeed! I had athletes that went on to play for Canada in the sports of field hockey, rugby, lacrosse and Tai Kwon Do.

The CIS Bronze team of 2003 was a special group. They still continue to meet and call me at whatever hour, gathering at the strangest of places. Good times!

The best thing about Saint Mary's is the school unity: many friends and relationships I have watched kindle there. Of note are the residences that loom over the field. Things hung in the windows or bellowing from the windows above seemed to make a major impact: For example, "That's our team Captain there" and "you now have a nick name, for LIFE!"

Those are just a sampling of some of the many memories! ...

Thanks girls!

## **Women's Rugby**

**Megan Kinsman<sup>1</sup>**

Women's Rugby at Saint Mary's University had its beginning in 1992 as a club team organized and run by a group of enthusiastic female students who still continue to promote and support the team to this day, many years following their graduation. The support and drive of this group of women was one of several factors that led to Rugby achieving official varsity status in the faU of 2002.

Founding members of the Women's Rugby Club, led by Tammy Bisson, Paula MacNeil, Danielle Gillis and Leanne Smith, helped make the club team bigger, stronger and more successful with each passing season. These women recruited new players, found volunteer coaches, organized practices, located fields to play and practice on, as well as being the top

players on the team. In the earlier years of the club the team played in the Nova Scotia Rugby Union League against city teams and other university club teams. The games against other university teams were used to determine the collegiate title.

From the beginning of club competition Saint Mary's was very competitive. In 1994-95 the team remained undefeated at the end of the regular season with an impressive record of six wins, no losses and one tie. The team beat St.F. X. in the semi-finals, but lost to Acadia in the finals. These three teams dominated the club league for the next five years.

Players from those early days continued to contribute to the growth of the program for many years and in many capacities. Paula MacNeil not only starred on the team during the early years, but came back to coach and play when the team attained varsity status. Tammy Poirier, another founding member of the club, who had pushed hard for varsity status, starred as a player and continued to support the club well after her playing days, eventually taking over as head coach in 2003. Other outstanding players: Captain Leanne Smith, Lucy Trull and Danielle Gillis, also continued to support the team well after they graduated.

Throughout the early years many coaches contributed to the success and growth of the program; Peter Crouse, Neil Bisson, Frank Yakimchuk, Jason Myers, and Kevin Flurry. During the early years the team played their home games at Graves Oakley Field in suburban Spryfield and practiced whenever and wherever space was available. The team members' dedication and drive resulted in an ongoing reputation as a top rated team in the league. However, the competition in the women's rugby circuit became tougher each year as the teams matured and the sport gained popularity. During the next several years new, young talent was added to the existing strength and experience of the veterans. Captain Mary Jane Webster and newcomers Tara 1. It was recently announced by the SMU Athletics Department that Megan Kinsman would be the new Women's Rugby Varsity Head Coach for the new season, beginning in 2012.

Warner, Cara Gillis, Jackie Gay, Jen Davidson and Kim Ferris helped keep the Saint Mary's side one of the best in the league.

Over the next few years many more high-calibre players joined the team; Allison Crowe - Best Rookie in 1997 and the first Saint Mary's University player to be named an All-Canadian; Sherry Lake - AUAA All-Star 2001 and 2002 and League MVP 2001; Gretchen Tanner - AUS All-Star 2002 and Vanessa Pike - AUS Rookie-of-the-Year 2002.

In addition to the drive of the founding members of the rugby club, the growth of women's rugby at the high school level helped push rugby towards varsity status. During the 1990s rugby for girls figuratively exploded onto the high school sporting scene. High schools were offering rugby for girls with the opportunity to play for the Provincial High School Championship. The influx of those student rugby players into university helped establish a strong club program and further increased the push for varsity status. Players arriving from high school already had the basic skills and the skill level of the club increased dramatically. Allison Crowe was the dominant player prior to 2002 and was selected an All-Canadian in 1998.

The third factor that contributed to the establishment of rugby as a varsity sport for women was the CIS goal of promoting all universities in Canada to work towards gender equity. Saint Mary's University, and other CIS universities, believed making women's rugby a varsity sport would be a big step toward achieving gender equity. The Director of Athletics & Recreation, Larry Uteck, pushed for the creation of a varsity league for women's rugby. In the initial years the league consisted of an exhibition schedule that determined the seeding for the Atlantic championship tournament with the winner representing the AUS at the CIS championship. By the fall of 2002 the league was fully sanctioned with St. Francis Xavier, Acadia, Dalhousie, Prince Edward Island, Mount Allison and Saint Mary's all fielding teams and competing for the right to attend the CIS national championship.

In the first year of sanctioned play, Saint Mary's was very competitive. Genevieve Gay led a strong team coached by former star players Cara Gillis and Paula MacNeil. Paula and Cara worked hard to recruit strong players and were rewarded when Marcella Abreau, Jackie Brown, Mellisa Allaby and Danielle Gillis joined the team. The team was very strong and finished the season with five wins and one loss. They lost a close match to St. F. X. in the finals, which set the tone for the next few years. St. F. X. dominated the league from that point forward winning every AUS title to date, including one national championship. Genevieve Gay was selected as the AUS MVP and a first team All-Canadian in 2003 and was also selected to the Canadian Under-23 Rugby team. Mellisa Allaby and Marcella Arbreaud were also selected to AUS All-Stars. Cara Gillis who set the tone for excellence left to train for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) force and was replaced by Troy Meyers in 2002, who held the position for a year. When Troy left, former player Tammy Bisson stepped in to coach the team for the following year. However, Tammy's work commitment prevented her from continuing as coach, so a third new coach, Glen Johnston, stepped into the position in 2004. Three coaches in three years made it difficult to establish a winning program, but in Glen Johnston's second year the team was back as a strong contender in the league.

Glen recruited top players including Megan Kinsman, Barbara and Adrienne MacDonald, Joanne Anderson, Katie Lake, Shannon Casey and Fiona McNutt. Glen convinced the players that they could once again become a contender for the AUS title. Led by All-Canadians, Megan Kinsman and Barbara MacDonald, the team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> several times before losing to the dominant St. F. X. team.

Saint Mary's hosted the AUS finals in 2007. Field conditions were extremely poor due to wet weather that the Director of Athletics & Recreation Dr. David Murphy, pushed to play the event on the artificial turf stadium at SMU. The games on that surface were so well accepted that from that point forward

Atlantic University Sports agreed to play on artificial turf. In 2009, Dawn MacDonald, a former Canadian team player, took over the team. In Dawn's first season the team had a very successful season finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in league play. AUS All-Stars, Jessica Dovanne, Sarah Lamb, Megan MacIsaac, Monica Lauder and Barbara MacDonald led the team into the Championship game against St. F.. X, but once again 'X' prevailed and won the right to represent the AUS in the CIS Championships. Dawn MacDonald was selected the AUS Coach-of-the-Year and Barbara MacDonald was selected an All Canadian.

Dawn, currently in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year as coach, is looking for her 2009-2010 All-Stars, Katelyn Smith, Katie McGraw and Jorie Rose to lead the team into the future.

## Women's Soccer

### The 1980s: Women's Soccer Becomes a Varsity Sport

Kathy Mullane (with Angelo Cianfaglione)

Basketball and Field Hockey were well established as women's varsity programs by the time the 1980s arrived. The female population at the University continued to grow and with that growth came demands for extracurricular activities. At the same time the number of young girls participating in sports was on the increase, through public and high schools, as well as on club teams. This was especially true for soccer. Soccer had replaced field hockey in many public and private schools, so with the growth of the female university population, more and more women were interested in playing soccer at Saint Mary's. A group of female students organized a club soccer team that played exhibition games against other universities. Members of the club team approached Ian Kent, a player on the men's varsity team, and convinced him to coach the squad. Ian remained with the team for a number of years, and as other universities began to enter teams into a varsity soccer league, the push for SMU to enter Varsity soccer became stronger.

By the mid-80s, the growth of the AUAA women's soccer league, as well as the pressure applied by club members, led Athletic Director Bob Hayes to make the decision to enter a team into the AUAA league. In the spring of 1987, recognizing that finances were going to be a problem, Bob went to Roy Clements' office for ideas on how to organize a women's team on a limited budget. At that time, Roy was the coach of the men's varsity soccer team and the person responsible for varsity ticket sales. By chance, Angelo Cianfaglione, an ex-varsity player with time on his hands, was outside Roy's office selling tickets for a varsity game.



Angelo  
Cianfaglione

Roy called Angie into his office and asked him to bring three cups of coffee to the office. (As usual, Roy gave Angie directions for his coffee; two stirs to the right and one to the left!). When Angie returned with the coffee, he was surprised to be asked to sit down with Roy and Bob. Roy told Angie that he and Bob had a proposal: Angie was told that SMU was going to enter a team into the AUAA women's soccer league and a coach would have to be found. Roy had made the decision that Angie would be the one to coach the team. Bob Hayes looked at Angie, sucked back through his teeth and quipped, "Do you think you can handle it?" Angie was somewhat shocked, managing only "What?" as a response. Roy answered, "You are going to coach the women's soccer team next year," Angie said, "OK, I guess." Bob Hayes told Angie to come up to his office, and make an appointment with Debi (Debi Woodford, the Athletic Department secretary and Sports Information Director) to discuss the job.

Angie did as asked and showed up for the appointment. Bob Hayes, dealing with another situation, pulled Angie into his office and quickly told him the job was his, the salary was \$200 per year and to deal with Roy concerning the details.

Roy told Angie that he would take care of the budget, uniforms, and the like, while Angie would take care of the recruiting

arid coaching. Taking care of the uniforms meant the women would wear the men's old uniforms and the men's team would get new ones. The photo of the first women's varsity soccer team shows the team sporting men's uniforms several sizes too large. Angelo Cianfaglione went on to coach the team for the next nine years making the playoffs each year. In 1990 the team was one goal away from winning the AUAA title when they lost to Acadia 1-0. That was one of the first years the team played on artificial turf newly installed at Huskies Stadium. The team won all their games on that turf but had a winless record away from home. Angelo worked hard to recruit top female soccer players to SMU, including Suzanne Muir, who went on to play for the Canadian Soccer Team, Lenny Keddy, Lenny Kate Larsen, Shelly Whitman, Stephanie Lovett and Stephanie Roberts, to name but a few.

This group of women, Coach Cianfaglione and assistant coaches Martin Shannon, Costa Elles and Darryl Cormier set the tone for the teams to come. Joanne and Kate Evans, fraternal sisters from Bridgewater, were two of the players who played on a club team and then continued on at the varsity level. Joanne and Kate worked closely with Coach Roy Clements, becoming Roy's top ticket sellers. Joanne went on to finish her Education degree and came back as the coach of the women's team in 1995.

During Angelo's final year as coach, he felt that as the veterans were being replaced by younger first-year players, it would be more appropriate to have a female coach. He recommended Debbie Rowsell, who was hired and coached on a part-time basis for the next two years - from 1994 to 1996. Debbie brought a demanding style of coaching that emphasized fitness and skill development along with a strong level of commitment. Under Debbie's coaching, the team was very successful, finishing in second place, and just missed winning the AUAA title in 1996.

In the spring of 1996, Linda Whitehead was hired on a full-time basis to replace Debbie Rowsell and went on to win the first AUAA Women's soccer title. Linda coached the team for three

years compiling an overall record of sixteen wins, nine losses, and eight ties, including one AUAA Championship. Linda was one of the new breed of coaches who hoped to make coaching soccer a full-time career. Linda's success in her first year at Saint Mary's eventually helped her to secure a position at a large American university where she competed at the NCAA level.

Linda Whitehead was the coach that won the first AUAA title, but it was Angie and Debbie who established the strong foundation upon which the program was built. When Linda Whitehead left to pursue her coaching career, Joanne Evans who was now a high school teacher, stepped in to coach the team. Joanne coached the team from 1997-1998; and under her the team achieved success making it to the playoffs each year; unfortunately, they also lost in the semi-finals each year. Heather Richards, Signa Butler and Terynn Bolton were among the team leaders, with all three being selected as an MVP at least once during their careers.

In 1998, Joanne left the province to teach in Hamilton. It was then that Athletic Director, Larry Uteck, called Stephen Hart, Technical Director for Soccer Nova Scotia, to ask for suggestions on possible candidates to coach the women's team ... before Stephen knew it, Larry had convinced him to coach the women's team. Stephen had coached the Nova Scotia Women's Canada Games team the previous summer and had great success working with female athletes. Stephen coached the team for the next three years and achieved a winning record. Marie Rasmussen was the team leader during this period and was selected an AUAA All-Star in 1997. Lynn Wright, Erin Keating, Daniel Hotchkiss, Michelle Chouinard and Crystal Walton each excelled under Stephen's coaching.

In 2001, Stephen was offered a coaching position with Soccer Canada and once again a new coach for women's soccer had to be located. (Stephen has since gone on to be the Head Coach of the Canadian Men's National Team.)

John Kehoe was hired in the summer of 2001 and committed to the team for the next 8 years. When John was hired he held the position of Technical Director of the Scotia Olympics Club and, as a result, was able to recruit outstanding players from the Olympics women's team. Players included Michelle Anderson, Kim Walton and Diane Pearson. These players added to the veteran players of Danielle Hotchkiss, Erin Keating and Crystal Walton resulted in a very strong, skilled team, which led to John winning the **second AUS title for women's soccer**.

Under John's leadership, the team continued to have great success, making the playoffs each year. Each year the veterans were joined by new players, many who went on to attain AUS All-Star status, as well as first or second team All-Canadian awards. Tanya Jazic, Courtney MacGrey, Heidi Pentz, Kelly Burgess and Annie Langley each received awards for outstanding play.

In 2009 Mark Sweetapple took over the team as coach. With Kelly and Annie in their final year of eligibility, along with Michelle Yates, they were the prime reason the team had such a successful season in 2011 when the team finished league play in second place. Unfortunately, they lost a close game to miss out on playing in the AUS Championship. All three players were selected as AUS All-Stars, while Kelly was selected as the League MVR a first for a Saint Mary's player in this sport. Both Annie and Kelly were selected All-Canadians in their final years.



**Mark  
Sweetapple,  
Soccer Coach**

## Soccer and Other Memories of SMU

**Joanne McPhee (nee Evans)**  
**Varsity Soccer Player 1984-1990**  
**Varsity Women's Soccer Head Coach 1995-1997**

I enrolled at St Mary's University during the second semester of 1984 as I endeavoured to find or reclaim a career path that had strayed off course. I had originally entered the University of Guelph from high school on an entrance scholarship with full intentions of becoming a veterinarian, a life long dream of mine. As it turned out I was not cut out for the blood and gore that accompanied being a vet, having fainted on two occasions watching surgery. It was time for a change in plans and I returned to Nova Scotia where my family was located. My dilemma now was Dalhousie or St. Mary's? Having excelled in the sciences and mathematics in high school, Dalhousie seemed the logical choice. Dalhousie boasted an excellent reputation for programs in these fields but coming from the small town of Bridgewater, I was intimidated by the sheer size of Dalhousie and chose instead to enrol in the smaller Saint Mary's University, a choice I do not regret to this day.

I had tried out and made the Women's soccer team at the University of Guelph and had every intention of doing the same at Saint Mary's. Although women's soccer was still a *club sport*, as yet without varsity status, tryouts at Guelph had been intense and well attended so I expected the same at SMU. My younger sister Kate had enrolled in St Mary's at the same time and also planned to try out for the same team, so we spent countless hours that summer on the turf at Saint Mary's honing our skills in anticipation of the upcoming fall tryouts.

We both earned a spot on the team and it was the beginning of five great years playing for the Maroon and White - there are so many great memories of our time at Mary's, which included the beginning of some great friendships. I can say that there were three people that were of particular influence during my time

**1986 Women's Varsity Soccer Team -- their Rookie Year**

**Back Row: Louis Page (Asst. Coach) John Semore (Trainer), Joanne Evans, Kate Evans, Cheryl Farquahar, Helen Radford (#5)  
 Susan Caughie, Terry Cugno, Cathy Connolly, Debbie Robar, Joanne Keddy (Manager), Nancy (Manager)  
 Fraont Row: Darlene Dart, Debbie Meister, Shira Jacobson, Louise Freeman, Tanya Bradshaw,  
 Barb Benoit, Kerry LaFond, Angelo Cianfaglione (Coach)**

at Saint Mary's: Roy Clements had a profound influence not only on me, but anyone that was lucky enough to be acquainted with him in any way; he offered wisdom, experience and sound advice. He was a huge supporter of Women's Soccer and pushed us all to be the best ambassadors of women's sport that we could be. With an open door policy, it was very rare that there was not someone there when you visited; he gave us jobs selling tickets, working the games and even paid us to stitch up the turf when it was damaged. He was a shoulder to cry upon and took great pride in being a "ladies' man" with the female players. He will be fondly remembered and always missed.

Angelo Cianfaglionni was my coach during my five-year playing career at St Mary's. He was a dedicated and selfless coach, always putting the players needs ahead of himself as an advocate for our program, who pushed for any small gain he could obtain for the team, whether it was a better time slot on the turf or new uniforms. We attained varsity status during my second year and while it was always an uphill battle to make progress with the program, we flourished under his guidance. In my third year we made the playoffs and by my fifth and final year we competed in the AUAA championship game losing in penalty shots to Acadia, the eventual CIAU champion. Angelo's sidekick was Martin Shannon who was responsible in keeping us fit, taking us on many memorable runs to Point Pleasant Park; he was also a strong supporter of our program. He pushed us farther than we thought we could go and it paid dividends as we were as fit as any team in the league.

There were many highs and lows each year, but I will distinctly remember the bus trips and the many pit stops - it must have driven the bus driver crazy having to stop so many times for washroom breaks. We had one memorable trip where we played in every kind of weather imaginable in a single game. It rained, it snowed, it was windy and the sun even shone for a while - welcome to Newfoundland. We were billeted in an army barracks and slept on cots with only a single blanket; it was not the most comfortable accommodation;

we nearly froze, but assumed budgets were small and we were saving money.

I cannot recount memories of Saint Mary's without associating everything with the City of Halifax, as it boasted such a strong soccer community and great soccer rivalries. Often we would play for opposing university programs, but join together in the summer to play on the same club team. Our meeting ground was the Graduate Pub; we had so many laughs at that pub. It was unfortunate that it was been expanded, as it was never the same place once the atrium was added.

I could expound virtually forever with personal stories of Saint Mary's, some of which are likely not appropriate for this forum. Those were stories of a wonderful time in our



**5 on 5: Helen Radford, SMU, makes adept move around defender.**

lives; stories that may fade but will never become old; and of friends that have moved away but still keep in touch. It was a time to remember fondly.



**Saint Mary's University Women's Varsity Soccer Team  
with Hukie Logo on Gymnasium floor...  
and the real Huskie mascot as well.**

### **My Memories of Women's Soccer Ashton Verge**

My first year as a SMU Women's Varsity soccer player was in 2005. As a graduate from a local high school in Halifax I grew up playing soccer for Scotia United club, where I had the privilege of playing for John Kehoe on a number of different teams. When John invited me to try out for his team at Saint Mary's I was thrilled at the opportunity as it had been a goal of mine since a very young age to be to compete at the division one Atlantic University level. My hard work ethic and strong athletic ability earned me a spot on a team of very talented female soccer players. Being able to be a part of SMU women's soccer for four years meant the world to me.

Throughout my first few years of university at SMU, soccer was the only consistent thing in my life, and proved in many ways to be my life-line, as I developed strong bonds with team-mates and other lifelong friends. While playing soccer for SMU I had become a part of a family in the athletic community at Saint Mary's without even realizing it: weekend road trips to New Brunswick, Cape Breton and Newfoundland to compete against other teams in the AUS conference became second nature, and a pleasurable hectic experience that I still miss today. My third year at SMU would prove to be my most successful as an overall student-athlete. At the beginning of my fourth year in training camp, two weeks before classes started, my place within the women's team drastically changed. During an inter-squad scrimmage I tore my ACL! The unanticipated knee injury in my final year of playing was a painful experience that has taught me that not everything works out as planned, but also proved that I had the courage to overcome extreme obstacles. My injury did not disable me but rather enabled me towards another position with the team, from player to assistant-coach. My experience coaching young athletes with Saint Mary's University summer camps, the New Scotland Soccer Club and the A.C. Milan summer elite soccer camp helped me ease into my new role. But it was not only my experience coaching that made that transition an easy one, it was the support of John and my team-mates with their willingness to ensure that I remained a part of the team.

Coach John Kehoe was always well known for his defensive style of coaching. We always knew that he modeled his game tactics after the Italians, his favourite team, who are famous for the strong defensive style of play. Although John was usually a quiet presence along the sidelines, if ever his team did not transition quickly after losing possession you could undoubtedly hear a continuous and consistent reminder to "Get back!" John always believed in the strong fundamentals of the game, a positive attitude, and insisted his team be physically fit.

In my first year, in an effort to ensure our team could perform at the highest level, John asked fitness trainer Robert Brownell to implement a running program, which was based on explosive first steps, endurance and sprinting. This program would be used for the duration of John's final years coaching with SMU women and became a well-known asset when facing our competition. Having the privilege to not only play for John, but also coach alongside him in his final year at Saint Mary's; I would safely say that John is one of the most compassionate coaches I ever knew, who lived and breathed his job. Although it was a part-time job for John, who was a full time teacher with A.R.S.E.A (recently retired in 2011), he went above and beyond the call of duty, often spending money out of his own pocket to ensure that his players had the best gear/ equipment. John's enthusiastic personality, dry sense of humour and undeniable love for the game made his players want to perform their best for him; he understood that losses were never a failure in his eyes, but rather a learning opportunity for improvement. Anyone who has played for John knew how much he loved to share stories and how much we all enjoyed them, whether between drills at practices or whenever the time was appropriate; John would recount a story about his own experiences coaching, playing and teaching. Although each of us have our favourite stories, I think everyone would agree that they were always a highlight of playing for John.

The senior's in my first year: Ally Read, Tanya Jazic, Courtney MacGray, and Laura Walker were strong leaders on our team. They all possessed the skills, athleticism and knowledge necessary to lead our team to success that year.

Ally Read was a strong defensive player, but perhaps best known for her depth of knowledge about the game of soccer. Her great field position and undeniable hard work ethic combined with her endless passion for the sport proved to be the culmination of a true captain and earned her a spot amongst the best SMU female varsity soccer players of the last forty years. Her commitment and contribution to SMU Athletics is still evident today with the "Varsity Date Auction" - a once-a-year fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis that was initiated by her; she was also involved in many other fundraisers and numerous beneficial changes she made in summer soccer camps and athletic council.

Tanya Jazic's versatility on the field was a huge asset to her game. No matter what position she was asked to play - winger, striker, of midfield - she always performed to the highest level and aided her team in providing a successful offence.

Courtney Macgray was always well known as a strong defensive force on the pitch, and was respected by other teams in the league as one of the smartest and toughest sweepers of her time. Not only was she difficult to get by, but she combined her defensive skills with a very quick transition onto the offence. In Courtney's last year with SMU Coach John Kehoe he discovered another strong asset that she possessed on offence. Her intuitive ability to attack the net off free kicks earned her a spot as a striker, as she proved a pivotal force in many big games.

Laura Walker's phenomenal one-on-one defensive abilities as a fullback combined with her powerful boot and precision crossing the ball from the backfield made for quick transitions to offence and sparked many excellent transitions into successful attacks.



Saint Mary's University: AUS 2002 Champions

## The Women's Hockey Program

Lisa Jordan, Coach (1997 - 2011)

... with Paul Puma

In 1972, landmark legislation was introduced in the USA with the passage of *Title IX* of the Education Amendments, that bans sex discrimination in schools, whether in academics or athletics. *Title IX* states: "No person in the U.S. shall on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, or denied, the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program receiving federal aid." Athletics has created the most controversy regarding *Title IX*, but the gains in both education and academics have been notable.

With respect to Inter-collegiate sports in the United States, *Title IX* governs the overall equality of treatment and opportunity in athletics while giving schools the flexibility to choose sports based on student body interest, geographic influence, budget restraints, and gender ratio. The focus is on women having equal opportunities with men as a whole, not on an individual sport basis.

Since the late 1990s the CIS has been studying and embracing much of what was advocated in *Title IX* south of the border, but to date, I am unaware whether any Canadian government has officially legislated gender equality in athletic funding within Canadian university varsity athletic programs.

On March 18, 2011, in what eventually became a bombshell announcement, Saint Mary's University unceremoniously dropped its women's varsity hockey program. The athletic department, facing budgetary restraints in the coming year, cut the entire varsity women's hockey program rather than reducing funding on all varsity programs (male and female), that would have allowed the women's hockey program to continue with a funding shortfall, which could have likely

survived by soliciting additional corporate funding. The reason given for not spreading the budgetary shortfall over all varsity teams was that it "would put all varsity teams at a competitive disadvantage". The proponents of those who espoused the ideals of *Title IX* must have been horrified.

Strong public opposition from many sectors of the university, as well as the general public, led to a March 29, 2011 reversal of that decision by the University's Board of Governors and led to an apology from university president, Dr. Colin Dodds, who said that the decision to drop the women's varsity hockey program, "was wrong and we deeply regret it." Dr. Dodds exhibited real character in admitting the mistake, and as university president, in choosing to apologize publicly himself, rather than burden a subordinate with simply reading an apology on behalf of the university.

Canadian Tire, a leading national retailer, almost immediately stepped up with additional corporate funding, which should enable the team to play well into the future. In the words of John Jobin, vice-president of merchandising for Canadian Tire retail: "At Canadian Tire, hockey is our DNA. The loss of a team such as this would be detrimental to the community, the coach, the fans and the young women who may never get a chance to play at the university level".

The reversal of the decision to cancel the women's varsity hockey program at Saint Mary's and the infusion of corporate funding did not exactly produce a "fairy tale" ending, as coach Lisa Jordan turned down a new four-year contract to accept the head coaching job with the fledgling Ryerson Rams. Not only did Lisa leave SMU, but she also took the Huskie's top two scorers with her - fifth year stalwarts Lauren McCusker and Kyla Thurston. This reminds one of former football coach Blake Nill's departure for Calgary, when he left with a group of players from the Huskie roster.

In 1996, Lisa Jordan came to Saint Mary's to work in the Sports Medicine clinic. Lisa and twin sister Lesley had just graduated

from Concordia University, where both had played five years of hockey with the Stingers. Women's hockey had not, as yet, been designated as a varsity sport when the Jordan twins played at Concordia. In 1996, Saint Mary's had only a women's hockey 'club' and, as such, were not eligible for University funding. Both Lisa and Lesley were playing with the women's hockey club, when then athletic director Larry Uteck, approached Lisa in October, 1997 to put together a university team to compete in the first ever AUAA Women's Hockey Championships in 1998. Lisa volunteered to coach the team and was actually the playing-coach the first year the female version of Hockey Huskies played as a varsity team. With twin sister Leslie between the pipes, they went on to defeat the Don Wells coached Acadia team with a second overtime period goal by Kate McQuaid. This enabled the Saint Mary's varsity team to capture the first AUAA women's hockey title in the history of the sport. The team went on to participate in their first national championships, and in coach Jordan's own words, "lost every game handily."

Carla Ward from Belledune, New Brunswick, captained this first championship team and spoke about the win, "I could not have imagined playing on a better team. That group of girls and coaching staff played with more heart and emotion than I had ever seen. I believe we all knew we were part of something larger than a banner that day, and the journey to reach that point made it that much more special."

Goalkeeper Lesley Jordan and forward Tasha Noble had the distinction of being selected as the first varsity women hockey players at Saint Mary's to earn All-Canadian status.

The women's Hockey Huskies would not repeat again as AUS Champions until the 2002-03 season. Between 1997-98 and the 2001-02 season, the team posted a very respectable 42-20-8 record, playing the "X-women" on three occasions in the conference final, only to fall short all three times. However, these years were not without accolades for the women's hockey program. One young woman from Lower Sackville emerged as

a perennial league and national All-Star: Tasha Noble would go on to become a three time AUAA All-Star, a double winner of the AUAA MVP Trophy and was twice selected a CIS All-Canadian. Lisa Jordan would win her first of back-to-back AUAA Coach-of-the-Year awards in the 2001-02 season.

Valerie Broussard-Acorn commented about her time with the SMU women's hockey program, "Of all my time spent in University (SMU, CBU, MSVU), it is my time at SMU I cherish most! Not only was it a great university, but I also had the privilege to play for the women's varsity hockey team. The sense of pride was nothing I had ever felt before, and is a life long memory and feeling I am so thankful for ...!"

The 2002-03, season would be a return to glory for the Hockey Huskies as they posted a perfect regular season record of fourteen wins and no losses en route to their second AUAA championship title. They went on to sweep the league playoff series, and advance to the CIS Championships ... only to be disappointed and return home winless again.

In addition to winning the 2002-003 AUS Championships, there were numerous other honours captured by the team. Lisa Jordan repeated as AUAA Coach-of-the-Year ... and was also rewarded with her first CIS Coach-of-the-Year Award. Team captain Kerrie Boyle, who hailed from Afton, Nova Scotia, was recognized for her outstanding year by being selected not only as a CIS and AUS All-Star, but also as the AUS MVP. Lindsay Taylor garnered both AUS and CIS Rookie-of-the-Year awards, as well as being selected to the AUS First All-star Team, while defence stalwart Lois Keeping and goalkeeper Cheryl Wright earned spots on the AUS Second all-Star Team - quite a haul of hardware for their remarkable season long performance.

The 2003-04 season brought a third AUS Championship for the women's team to the Robie Street campus. The "X-women" were undefeated during the regular season, while the hockey Huskies posted a very respectful 10-2-2 record. However, in the AUS championship game, Saint Mary's defeated the Antigonish squad with a dramatic 43 win and advanced to their third CIS

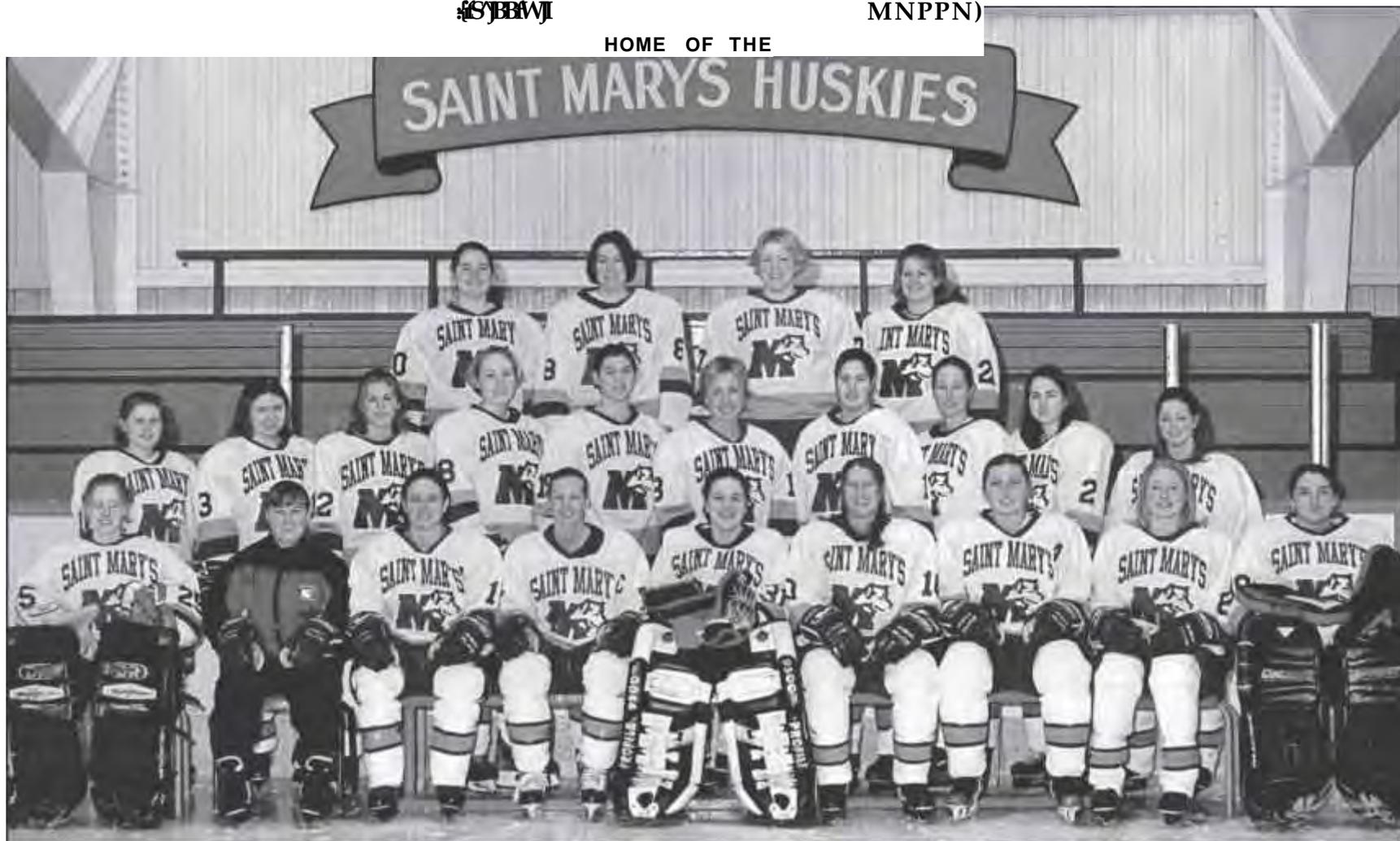
championship. Although the team was winless once again, they narrowly missed winning their first ever CIS game, losing 6-5 to the number two nationally ranked Sir Wilfred Laurier team in overtime. Cole Harbour's Lindsay Taylor was a second team CIS All-Canadian, a first team AUS All-Star, as well as the AUS MVP. Also earning a berth as a first team AUS All-Star was defence standout Melinda Kaye, while forward Trula Seaward received the nod as a second team AUS All-Star.

It wasn't until the 2009-10 season that the varsity women's hockey team would capture another AUS Championship, their fourth. The team had finished the regular season with a rather mediocre thirteen win, ten loss, one tie record and entered the league playoffs as decided underdogs. Although they were not expected to fare well in the playoffs, the resilient nature of this team and the hockey program surfaced once again, as these young women went on to sweep their opponents in round-

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robin play, as well as in the championship game: the hockey Huskies defeated Dalhousie, then coached by Lisa's twin sister Lesley, by a score of 8-6, went on to best the "X-women" 5-3, and advanced to the league championship game against regular season league leaders, the University of Moncton. The championship game was played on February 28, 2010, and resulted in a 6-2 victory, and yet another trip for Saint Mary's to the CIS championships. On March 12, 2010, hockey history was made, as the Huskies earned their first ever CIS victory, by virtue of a 4-2 win over the University of Montreal. The team lost the second round-robin game 7-2 to McGill and suffered a 4-0 setback at the hands of Laurier in the Bronze Medal game. In the area of individual honours, Kori Cheverie earned first team AUS All-Star status and Rebecca Mosher was selected a member of the all-rookie team that season.

Between the 2003-04 and 2009-10 championship years the hockey program won many more games than they lost, with the 2008-09 season being only the second time that the women's varsity hockey team finished the regular season with more losses than wins. Throughout this period a number of new recruits distinguished themselves, including Courtney Shriver, Lindsay Taylor, Zoe Lancelott and Kori Cheverie. Shriver was named an AUS All-Star on four separate occasions; she was also CIS first team All-Canadian, CIS Rookie-of-the-Year and AUS MVP during the 2005-06, season. Lindsay Taylor also established herself during the 2004-05, season, being recognized as a first team All-Star in both the AUS and CIS, as well as MVP in the AUS. Zoe Lancelott was the most sportsmanlike player in 2007 and Kori Cheverie was a first team AUS All-Star in both 2007-08 and 2009-10.

Lisa Jordan's coaching tenure ended after the 2010-11 season, with the team finishing the season with a losing record (10-12-2). This was a most unfortunate ending for her coaching career at Saint Mary's, as she was one of the most successful coaches in women's varsity hockey - posting 171 wins, 77 losses and 19 ties in her career during regular season play ... quite an achievement in any varsity sport.

Kate Rycroft captured the essence of the women's hockey program when she e-mailed the following to Lisa: "Putting on the SMU jersey means so much more than the love of the game. It symbolizes heart, teamwork, the ability to overcome adversity and the passion that each of us instills in one another. It is unique and creates awesome chemistry. I had the luxury of wearing the jersey for two seasons ... I learned so much about myself and it goes way beyond the sport, I take it with me in everything I do in life."

On May 31, 2011, Chris Larade was introduced as the new coach of the varsity women's hockey team. A native of Cheticamp in Cape Breton, Chris was the head coach of the AAA Metro-Midget Boston Pizza team during the 2010-11 season. He also had coaching experience as an assistant with the "X" women's hockey program and as an assistant coach with the Nova Scotia Canada Games women's hockey team in February of 2011. Chris is on record as saying that his "goal as a coach is first and foremost to develop great people and not just good hockey players." Steve Axford, former varsity hockey star at both Acadia and Saint Mary's will remain as assistant coach to help Chris achieve this goal.

## **Women's Volleyball**

**Saint Mary's Huskies : 1997-2009**

**Mark Burley**

Saint Mary's Women's Volleyball was established in 1988, coached in that inaugural season by Karin Maessan and then for four years each by Joan Matheson and Lori Welsh-Hawley. The volleyball program started well and grew steadily, and Lori's efforts culminated in the program's first conference championship, winning the AUAA banner in 1997.

I took over as coach that summer, and over the next 12 years did my best to continue to build a nationally competitive program. I was very fortunate to have special athletes and coaches involved

with me throughout those years. Three players stood out during that time, each defining a generation in the development of the program and creating opportunities for the players who came after them, and each defining what it meant to be a volleyball player at Saint Mary's University.

### **Caroline MacFarlane: 2000-2002,2004-2005**

Caroline was the first legitimate superstar to come into the program during this period. She was the conference Rookie-of-the-Year in 1999 while at Dalhousie, transferred to Saint Mary's and was named conference MVP in her next two years, 2001 and 2002. Her dominance was most notable in a match at Universite de Moncton on November 21, 2001, when she scored forty-four points (22 kills, 20 blocks, and 2 aces), nearly half of the



### **2001-02 SMU Women's Volleyball Team**

Back Row (L-R): Ruth Wilkins (A.Coach), Laci Stevens, Rebecca Campbell, Shawndra Crice, Caroline MacFarlane, Maria Gaudet, Andrea Shakespeare, Mark Burley (H. Coach). Front Row: Tara Sullivan, Kathleen Bendelier, Gillian Dobbin, Stephanie Coffill, Catherine MacFarlane.

team's points from the entire match. It was a performance that established her on a level above the rest of the conference, and exemplified the competitive approach that defined her character.

Other players contributed to Caroline's efforts and the overall success of the team during these early stages. Gillian Dobbin, a five-year player who arrived with no volleyball experience became one of the best blockers in the conference and was later the team captain. Gillian, Kathleen Bendelier, Rebecca Campbell, and Maria Gaudet moved on in 2001 and 2002, but were followed by Pam Rogers, Andrea Shakespeare, transfer and senior player Janis Chapman, and Caroline's younger sister Catherine, who was a standout five-year player and later captain as well. Catherine defined the role of *libero* back when the position was created, and shared Caroline's strong leadership and passion for volleyball.

In 2002, Saint Mary's hosted the AUA conference championship with a veteran team and high expectations. However, after going up two sets to none in the semi-final against Dalhousie, the team fell in five sets due in part to an incredibly hostile crowd of Dal supporters, which spooked the team. Senior players lost their only chance at challenging for the conference championship, and it was difficult for them to accept this loss.

Caroline left the team after the 2001-2002 school year to begin her family, but returned in January 2004 to lead the Huskies in a late season push toward the playoffs. SMU won all eight matches second semester to finish first in the standings for the first time during my tenure.

The AUS conference championship in 2004 was held at UPEI. As the number one seed, we had a bye to the semi-finals, and planned to travel to Charlottetown on the day of the quarter-final matches in order to complete our preparations. Unfortunately, a massive snowstorm hit Halifax on February 19, 2004, the night before we were to leave (subsequently called "White Juan" after the hurricane from the previous September). Though the storm was over, roads were slow to clear and the bus charter refused

to travel. Businesses were closed, so we had no transportation to get to the tournament. With options limited, our assistant coach Darren Russell, whose wife worked for a car rental company, arranged to rent cars. After borrowing an excavator from a nearby snow removal worker, we dug out the eight-foot drifts around the agency to gain access to the vehicles. That was followed by several hours of gathering players throughout the city, and after a very long drive we reached the hotel close to midnight. When we arrived, we discovered that Dalhousie, who had also planned to travel the day before, had missed their quarter-final and checked-in only at 3 am. Their match was rescheduled for Saturday morning, and on a few hours sleep they played host UPEI in front of a relentlessly hostile crowd, losing the match despite being heavy favourites. This meant we played UPEI in the semi-final that night, and, in what proved to be an incredibly difficult match, primarily due to that same hostile crowd (which by then had grown bigger and louder), but we won in five close sets. This match was a victory in many ways, particularly for Caroline, and some small redemption for the loss to Dalhousie in 2002. As a result of those matches, the league instituted specific rules for crowd control. We went on to defeat Acadia in the final, winning in a marathon 4<sup>th</sup> set 30-28, thereby giving Caroline her long awaited conference championship.

Caroline returned in 2004-2005 for her 5<sup>th</sup> year, and, with Pam Rogers, led a team of promising first and second year players, but fell to a very experienced Dalhousie team in the conference final in four sets. It was an emotional time for Caroline, to finish playing a game that had been so important to her for so long. She laid the foundation for the players who followed her, and has continued to contribute to her own legacy as a member of the coaching staff.

**Janesse Boudreau: 2004-2009**

Janesse was a rookie, playing regularly in a new position on the left side, when Caroline finished her playing career in 2005. Janesse had the advantage of learning from Caroline's example, and the overlap, though brief, allowed Janesse to pick up where

Caroline left off, a distinct advantage to the ongoing development of the program. Janesse may have had less technical ability than other elite players, but she made up for it with heart, more heart than I had ever seen in any other athlete I had known.

The 2005-2006 season, Janesse's second year, was the most dominant league performance for the Huskies during the twelve year period in which I coached, going 22-1 in overall conference play throughout the season. The AUS championships in 2006 were held at Dalhousie. In the final against host Dal, and oddly reminiscent of 2002, we won the first two sets but were forced to a 5<sup>th</sup> set in an intense and highly emotional match. However, we eventually won the final set and our second banner in three years, further vindication for those who were with the program four years previously. Janesse, who had moved to the middle position on a full time basis full-time earlier in the season, was named as the championship MVP. Later, at the CIS national championships in Calgary, we took the first set in the opening round against UBC, the number one team in the country, before falling in four sets. The continued progress of the program was



**2006-07 AUS Volleyball Champions**  
 Back Row(L-R): Darren Russel (A. Coach), Caroline Gibson( A.Coach),  
 Janesse boudreau, Alex Quinn, Bryanne Hogue, Kristen McCulloch, Danielle  
 Shortall, Mark Burley (H. Coach), Thomas Kochanoff (Strength Coach).  
 Fraont Row: Tara matheson, Katelyn Cross, line deVries, Steph Scollan,  
 Christena MacRae, Ashley Wicks.

apparent, and the team garnered the respect of many people in the university volleyball community within Canada.

Janesse had the benefit a solid group of players around her, notably Ashley Wicks, the most athletic player in the history of the program during the era in question, and one of the most physical athletes in any sport at the university. Ashley, though not the most technically skilled star player, was incredibly effective through determination, confidence, and sheer physicality. Tara Matheson, Danielle Shortall, and Kristen McCulloch, all big, physical players, helped Janesse usher in this new generation with size as a primary factor. This group was very effective in winning matches and further the development of the program. Also, Christena MacRae, an insightful and focused defensive player, brought balance to Janesse's emotional fire, and Erin MacKenzie, a setter who had played three years at McGill, did exactly what was needed with a highly offensive-minded group. The team had developed strength across every position and this diversity made this team tough to beat.

In 2006-2007, SMU repeated as conference champions, defeating Acadia in four sets as in 2004. The season was, however, not without setbacks, and Saint Mary's entered the tournament ranked only 4<sup>th</sup>, but swept both Cape Breton, as well as host and top seed UNB en route to the final. The win over UNB would be the start of a rivalry in playoff competition that would continue for the next several years.

The 2007-2008 season held more promise, but rather met with significant adversity instead. On October 14, 2007, the SMU squad beat Laval for the first time in several meetings over the years. However, during the inter-locking event with the Quebec conference that season, on January 19, 2008, in a match against Laval at Sherbrooke, Ashley Wicks ruptured her Achilles tendon and was out for the year, her last at Saint Mary's. Later, on February 15<sup>th</sup> during the last weekend of the regular season, starting middle Bryanne Hogue suffered an eye injury against UNB and missed the playoffs. First year middle Elizabeth

Cosulich was already out of the line-up so these injuries meant the team was down to only eight players for playoffs, and, as the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed, we had to play host St.F. X. in the quarter-finals. We won, and went on to beat number two ranked Moncton in the semis, to advance to the final against a healthy and veteran UNB team, the #1 seed. Led by Janesse's and Christena's will and determination, SMU was up 2 sets to 1 before running out of steam and losing in the 5<sup>th</sup> and final set. We attended the CIS national championship at UNB the following week as the host seed, our third straight appearance and 4<sup>th</sup> in five years, but without our missing players the results we wanted were elusive.

To compound matters for Janesse, in her 5<sup>th</sup> and final year in 2008-2009, she tore her ACL in a match at St.F. X. on November 23. As a true measure of her courage, determination, and competitive nature, she delayed re-constructive surgery and instead rehabilitated with physio, with the intention of playing the remainder of the season. She was back on the court by January 14 against Dalhousie, and gradually increased her time in preparation for her final AUS conference championship at Acadia. However, injuries were again plaguing the team's fortunes, as newcomers Ali Beaver and Kerri Smit were hampered by problems, and, in the semi-final against rival UNB, Janesse re-aggravated her knee injury and was unable to continue. UNB went on to win the match, ending Janesse's career. The loss, though heartbreaking in its finality, was so inspirational for what Janesse had achieved, that it set a new standard for dedication and work ethic and had a long-standing impact on future players.

#### **Kerri Smit: 2007-2009**

Where Janesse developed into her role as an effective player, Kerri's arrival had an immediate impact on the team. She was the prototypical volleyball player, a 6'1" Dutch farm girl who was lean and strong and did everything well. She was the AUS Rookie-of-the-Year and the Saint Mary's Athletics Rookie-of-the-Year in 2008. She was a key member of this eight player group

that was only one set away from an improbable conference championship against UNB, hosted by 'X' in Antigonish. At the CIS national championship in Fredericton, despite playing with a depleted and tired squad, Kerri Smit caught the attention of Canadian National Women's Volleyball head coach Naoki Miyashita. After the selection camp in Winnipeg in May, Kerri became the first Saint Mary's player to be a full member of the senior women's national team program, playing in the FISU World Student Games in Turkey in July 2008. However, in keeping with the unfortunate trend in the last two seasons, an injury limited her participation, both with the national team and into the 2008-2009 varsity season.

At the beginning of Kerri's career, both lanesse and Christena MacRae had become the same type of role models for her and her teammates as Caroline MacFarlane and Pam Rogers had been for them. Kerri was quickly becoming a dominant player, benefiting both from the leadership and experience shared by lanesse and Christena, but also supported by other capable young players. Katelyn Cross, a setter who was the AUS championship MVP as a rookie in their win at UNB in 2007, picked up where Erin MacKenzie left off. Ali Beaver, Bryanne Hogue, Liz Cosulich, Keisha Muise, and Amy Crider were the core of the group moving into the next era, beyond 2009.

The team continued to make strides, when in October 2008, SMU defeated both McGill and Sherbrooke at Acadia, beating these teams for the first time in the 4-year history of interlocking play. This interlock tournament also featured the best-played match of the entire 12-year period, a three-set loss to Montreal in which Saint Mary's out-dug and out-blocked the undisputed number one team in the country, but fell short in

1. Postscript The successes of both Kerri Smit and the Women's Volleyball Program continued into 2010-11 and 2011-12. Kerri won her third MVP and the team won the AUS season and playoff titles before representing the conference and Saint Mary's University at the CIS Championships in 2012. Details and photographs of Kerri and the winning team are provided in the 2011-12 Update on pages 313-320 of this publication. Her third AUS MVP is also duly recorded in the AUS statistics in the Appendices at the concluding section of this Book. [Ed.]

the second and third sets by the narrowest of margins. The match could have gone the other way, so the resultant loss, was immensely gratifying for the team. Even the Montreal coach admitted his team, a veteran group with a number of senior national team players, had to be at their best in order to win. Kerri was a force, leading all hitters on both teams in total kills and points.

Injuries plagued SMU again during the rest of the 2008-2009 season, while Kerri continued to have problems with her shoulder throughout the year. When lanesse re-injured her knee in the conference semi-final against UNB, Kerri and Ali Beaver were already struggling, and we were left wondering what could have happened if they had been healthy.

Kerri was named the AUS MVP at the end of that season, and also received the Saint Mary's Female Athlete-of-the-Year award in just her second year. With the departure of lanesse and Christena, Kerri took the team into the next era. My own departure in 2009 also made way for Darren Russell, my assistant since 2002, and the program took another step forward, ensuring the continued improvement and ongoing success of the Huskies Volleyball program.

One of the measures of success of a varsity program is the quality of people the program attracts. We have been very fortunate over the years to have gained the support and influence of good players who were also exceptional people, making the whole much more than the sum of the parts and creating lasting bonds. This is also evident when those who finish their university careers stay remain involved with the program in positive ways. As Kerri<sup>1</sup> takes the program into the future, both Caroline and lanesse continue in active everyday roles on the coaching staff. They bring continuity to the program that ensures constant and continuous forward progress, the ultimate goal of every coach.

## Saint Mary's Football: 1958-2010

Pat Curran and Bill Scollard

### Introduction

On an early winter morning, Bill Scollard and I met at the Quinpool Road Tim Horton's to discuss the mission we had agreed to accept from Paul Puma: to write the football chapter of Saint Mary's Sports History The Quinpool Road *Tim's* is a place I like to use for informal meetings, but I wasn't sure how convenient it was for Bill. When I half apologized for the location, Bill said it was a place he used for meetings himself. He added that he had spent a lot of time at the business next door over the years. "You mean The French Pastry?", I asked. "My father-in-law, Bob Delvallet, owns it", he replied. I started to laugh, and said, "Well then let me tell you about my first encounter with SMU football."

It was the first week of classes in the Fall of 1958. I had just begun at Saint Mary's High School, which was on the University campus until 1963. There was a university football game coming up that weekend and the high school held its own pep rally for the big game. Father Elmer MacGillivray, a famous Santamarian hockey player and by then a Jesuit teacher in the high school, called upon Reggie Fahie a small guy from Dartmouth with a huge voice, to lead the first cheer, which went like this:

"He's a man!"

"Who's a man?"

"He's an SMU man: Bobby, Bobby, Delvallet, HOORAY!"

Bob Delvallet was at that time in grade eleven at Saint Mary's High, but played on the University's football team, a fine runner and pass receiver.

Football had begun at Saint Mary's in the 1940s at the old Windsor Street campus and had continued after the move to the present campus in the early 1950s. The teams had some success, including Maritime junior championships in 1956 and 1957, although they were coached mainly by men like Fr. MacGillivray with little football experience themselves. The 1956 team was inducted into the Saint Mary's Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. Brian Flemming, one of the 1956 players, has written about that great team elsewhere in this book.

By 1958, SMU was ready to start moving on to the next level and it had a new coach to lead the way. The modern era of Saint Mary's football, and of all SMU sports, began with the arrival on campus that fall of Robert G. "Bob" Hayes. This section of SMU sports history will begin with the Hayes years as Saint Mary's football coach.

This is not an encyclopaedia of Saint Mary's football from 1958 to 2010. In those 53 years, close to a thousand young men played nearly five hundred games. Capturing all the names and details of all those years would leave no room in this book for any other sport. Our goal is to present snapshots of SMU football history, with some of the highlights, some of the stories and some of the people who have given us many great memories, as well as a few less than great ones.

### The Bob Hayes Years

*Saint Mary's The Journal*, October 17, 1958: "The most accomplished player in Maritime grid history, Bob Hayes, heads SMU athletics in 1958-1959 inter-collegiate season."

Bob Hayes was a household name in Nova Scotia in 1958.

Since coming to Nova Scotia to join the Navy in the early 50s, he



BOB HAYES from his 1958 in

days with Shearwater Flyers

had starred with the Stadacona Sailors and Shearwater Flyers in the Nova Scotia Football League, leading the Flyers to the Canadian Intermediate Championship in 1957. His arrival at Saint Mary's as football coach and athletic director gave "the Saints" (as SMUs' teams were known then) a degree of prominence they hadn't had before.

From the beginning, Bob Hayes's sights were clearly set on bringing Saint Mary's into the Nova Scotia Senior League, the top football league in the province. 1958 was the last year that Saint Mary's team played in two leagues, the Nova Scotia Junior League and the Maritime Intercollegiate League. The team finished 2-3 in intercollegiate play, but won the Maritime junior title again, only to lose decisively for the third year in a row to Notre Dame de Grace Maple Leafs of Montreal in the Eastern Canadian final.

By February of 1959, SMU footballer Peter Fraser was writing in *The Journal* that the new athletic director had "contacted several New Englanders with football reputations". Indeed he had. That September marked the arrival of several New England athletes who would become mainstays of the football team.

The 1959 team finished second in the Maritime Intercollegiate League behind UNB, the only team SMU lost to in scheduled play. Saint Mary's featured a "twin quarterback" system, something only a determined inventor and innovator like Bob Hayes could come up with. On each offensive play the two quarterbacks, local veteran player Peter Young and rookie Ray Roy from Manchester, NH, lined up behind the centre, one beside the other. Both QBs leaned in so that, when the snap came, it was impossible to tell who had the ball. Peter Young was a big guy with a strong throwing arm. He generally dropped back as if to hand off the ball or pass from the pocket, but was also reliable as a straight ahead rusher or decoy. Ray Roy was a smaller and more nimble guy. He would generally roll out and either throw on the move, pitch out or run the option - if he had the ball, of course. The twin QB system was often baffling to fans and opponents alike.

Two other big names on the 1959 team and for some years afterward were another local veteran and Manchester rookie, powerful fullback Greg McClare and adroit halfback (sometimes punter and later defensive standout) Ted Chandonnet.

The 1959 team played an exhibition game against Dalhousie Tigers of the NS Senior League. SMU lost 26-7, but made a fine showing in front of a large crowd at Wanderers' Grounds. Dai's days as the local college football power were drawing to a close.

Not all fans were full of school spirit, even in those far off days. According to an article in *The Journal*, "the majority of so-called supporters act as if they were suffering from a combination of laryngitis and *rigor mortis*".

In the spring of 1960, Saint Mary's students voted to adopt "the Huskies" as the team name. Although huskies and dog sleds are not otherwise associated with Nova Scotia, let us give thanks that the students rejected a more local name that was being promoted, "the Belted Kingfishers".

By that fall Saint Mary's had a new field and was in the top league, the Atlantic Football Conference. The new field featured another Bob Hayes innovation: a single centre support holding the goalposts aloft. Up to that time goalposts had been H-shaped, similar to the posts still in use in Australian Rules Football. Single support posts are less of an obstacle on both sides of the ball and reduce the chance of injury. Somewhat begrudgingly, Bob had to share credit for the invention with former CFL coach Jim Trimble, whose own design came along some years later, but set the centre support back from the goal line.

Saint Mary's Huskies were ready for most teams in the Atlantic Football Conference in 1960, but not for powerhouse St. Francis Xavier., which they played in their first senior game. As *The Journal* put it, SMU was "smothered" by St. F. X. or "X" as they would commonly be known: the score was 42-0. Hayes had

been outdone by his former coach and mentor Don Loney in that first meeting, but the clock was ticking and the countdown to the inevitable was on. SMU went on to lose its next three games, all by close scores, but then won its last three games of the season to finish at 3-4. It was a team to watch.



**Dick Loselle,  
circa 2009**

The 1961 Huskies had a flashy offence, led by another quarterback from Manchester, NH, former professional baseball player Dick Loiselle. SMU finished the season tied for second place at 5-2. They lost only to the two teams who met in the Purdy Cup game for regional senior football supremacy, Mount Allison and St F. X. The SMU - X game was closer than in 1960, at least in the first half, but former Saint Mary's player Charlie Dolan helped lead X to a very decisive 42-12 victory.

At the end of the 1961 season, *The Journal* sportswriter Frank Pottie heaped praise on Loiselle, as well as and on Roger Cloutier, a small, strong, high-scoring running back from New England, but also on locals Greg McClare, "one of the greatest, most exciting fullbacks ever to appear in Maritime football circles", and two-way player Stuart O'Brien. Stu, who enjoyed being a Huskie as much as anyone who ever played, was always referred to by one of his Dartmouth buddies as "number 87 in your program, number 1 in your hearts".

Bob Hayes published his first column, "The Coach Says . . .", in the February 27, 1962, issue of *The Journal*. He began with a paragraph on swimming and followed with one about the new weight room; there was no mention of football.

The 1962 football Huskies repeated their regular season of 1961 at 5-2, but this time they were all alone in second place and got to

play in their first ever Purdy Cup game. Two more quarterbacks arrived on the scene that year, Dick Loiselle's brother Ray, and Dave Murphy of Portland, Maine. Halfback, punter and punt return specialist A1 Keith transferred in from St. F. X., where he had been a junior varsity player. Along with the returnees from previous years, there was an embarrassment of riches in the backfield, although not everyone saw it that way.

Long Islander Pat Hickey, later to be a leading sports columnist with Montreal's *Star* and *Gazette*, arrived at Saint Mary's that year as well and was soon writing provocative articles in *The Journal*. In describing SMU's regular season 21-0 loss to 'X', Pat wrote the following (*with italicised letters used here instead of names "to protect the innocent", all of whom were Nezv Englanders, as well as to protect Nezv Yorker Pat H.*):

"The team as a whole played a fine game offensively and defensively but the one fault was going to the air for the 'big one'. Many long passes were thrown to a man deep downfield who was covered by two or three X-Men... . A should have known that according to the patented 'Bob Hayes Handy-Dandy Zone Pass Defence' the long pass is the hardest to complete\_\_\_ Then began the worst series of passes possible. A to B for forty yards with three defenders. C forty yards downfield, no defenders. A to D for a fifteen yarder. Unfortunately A faded back twenty yards to get room. Net gain - minus five. A penalty saved the Huskies. Then from the twenty seven yard line the Huskies tried a field goal. Here comes the snap, the boot. But no, it's a fake! E speeds around end for a loss of six yards. Darn clever, those Americans."

Needless to say, the atmosphere was tense for the next week outside the university canteen, where nearly all 500 students congregated every day. The canteen was on the main floor of what is now called the McNally building, outside the entrance to the old gym. When the following *The Journal* came out, Pat Hickey's by-line was on an article about "The Faculty Societies"

arid another concerning the junior varsity football team, but there was no mention of his name on the report of the Huskies win over UNB in Fredericton.

The 1962 Purdy Cup game had a familiar result: 18-0 in favour of the X-men. The main consolation for Saint Mary's was that the margin of loss continued to get smaller, so hope was not lost, just postponed!

SMU didn't win "The" Purdy Cup in 1962, but its Junior Varsity team did win the "Little Purdy Cup", emblematic of the AFC "B" Division championship. John Delaney had four touchdowns to lead SMU to a 39-12 win over the Halifax Buccaneers in the final.

JV football did not have a long history at Saint Mary's, but, in keeping with the Jesuits' goal of educating the whole person, hundreds of students played full-tackle football over the years in the inter-faculty league. The gear was primitive, left over from Huskie (or, more likely, Saints) teams of the past. It looked more or less like what 'Red' Grange had worn in the 20s. There were just two sets, so the same gear was used every game and it was washed only once per year: at the end of the season. The toughest part of playing inter-fac was putting on the gear on a damp, cool fall day after a game had been played in the rain and mud the previous day. Still, everyone survived.

### "Next Year" Almost Arrives

September 30, 1963:

"Saint Mary's football fans found a new hero, watched a fired-up Huskie team on the verge of the year's biggest win, and then saw some old mistakes return to hand the X-men a 14-13 win.... The hero was Paul Puma, a 5'-11", 190 pound fullback from Saint Mike's in Toronto. Puma dazzled the fans from the opening moments as he ran back the kickoff for eighty yards before he was finally overtaken. He also scored both touchdowns for the Huskies and led the Huskies in yards gained, averaging 5.3 yards a carry."

Other things hadn't changed. In his column "Sports", Pat Hickey, by then also the VP of the Student Council, wrote:

"Wake up! Here we go again with criticism, cynicism and much muckraking. The state of things around Saint Mary's is alarming. Spirit is at an all time low. . . .

People give our football team no support. They stand in silent awe as they leave for a game, play a game, or even lose a heartbreaker before their eyes."



**Paul Puma,**

• • • iustafewyears later

Hickey went on to praise the play of Paul Puma, QB Dave Murphy, Al Keith who played both ways, and linemen Frank Arment, Bob Ruotolo, Dan Skating, Chuck Liebrock, Dick Giordano, Jim Crane, Frank Archambault, Peter Grant and Butch Burke.

The following week's *The Journal*, under the headline "Spirit Leaves .. .", reported on SMU's upset 9-8 loss to Stadacona as follows: "The game was a disappointing one to the fans, the players, the coach, almost everyone who cared or perhaps didn't care." The only bright note was that Paul Puma scored another touchdown.

Saint Mary's then proceeded to win all six remaining games on the schedule by lopsided margins, holding the opposition scoreless. By the end of the year, SMU was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in a new nationwide poll established by Ryerson in Toronto. St. F. X. was ranked 4<sup>th</sup>. There was talk of breaking up the league and putting the weaker teams in a lower division.

Paul Puma remembers coming to Saint Mary's in 1963:

"After being recruited by Elmer MacGillivray in the fall of 1962 and meeting with Bob Hayes, along with a number of potential football recruits from Toronto, at the Royal York Hotel in downtown Toronto, I arrived in Halifax in late August 1963. I travelled by train, arriving at the CN Station. . . . The trip was rather uneventful other than having a great deal of discomfort, which led to a discovery of a medical issue for which... the local press made reference to me as a 'pile'- driving fullback. . . . At the end of the 1963 season, team doctor Charlie MacDonald performed his magic, and after five days I was released from the hospital, only to spend several months in painful convalescence.,,,

I was surprised when I initially saw Saint Mary's in 1963 and I am sure I thought to myself that there must be more, but there wasn't. You see, I was then the typical Upper Canadian, not yet knowing the treasure with which I had been bestowed. I had attended Saint Michael's College School, an all-boys high school run by the Basilian Priests, that had 1100 students, three football teams, a hockey arena and a Major Junior AHockey team . . . . In 1963, Saint Mary's had less than seven hundred students and was scrambling to field a competitive varsity football team. I was initially disillusioned, but was soon to change my opinion of what I thought had been a mistake on my part.

I spent most of my first training camp in bed with my legs elevated. Had the football team had a better turnout, I probably would have been a forgotten, untested recruit and not given an opportunity to prove my worth. However, to my surprise, I was given the nod to start at fullback against the then powerhouse St. Francis Xavier X-Men, coached by the legendary Don Loney. The 1963 SMU backfield consisted of quarterback Dave Murphy, halfbacks Charlie White and Leo Raftery, flanker A1

Keith and me at fullback. I was also designated to return kickoffs and punt returns, a task often assigned to those often considered to be expendable. The opening kickoff was to the end zone. As it turned out, with the excellent blocking job done by the kickoff return team, I was able to return the kickoff inside the 'X' ten yard line. Teammate Frank Arment claims that had my football pants not been falling down, I would have scored. I have no recollection of this, only that my lack of conditioning did me in.

The 1963 season and the lifelong friendships I made with John, Dave and Dornmy Murphy, along with Frank Archambault, Rudy Street, Bob Ruotolo, Jim Crane, Dan Skaling, A1 Keith, Larry Matheson and many others convinced me that I had made the right choice. Bob Hayes, Father Hennessey and a host of other Jesuits and lay professors expertly guided me through my academic journey, which enabled me to go forth and have a productive and happy existence in my adopted home of Halifax.

Thanks, Elmer, for the phone call!"

Dr. Charlie MacDonald, whom Paul mentioned above, was one of two doctors who devoted significant amounts of time to keeping SMU players healthy and fit for play. Charlie was not known for his gentle bedside manner, but he was known to attend the games and to take on Huskies' health issues whenever they arose, including those that occurred right on the field. In those less sensitive and less health conscious times, Charlie often had a cigarette in his hand or mouth. On at least one occasion his cigarette ashes fell on the cheek of an injured player lying on the field. Observers on the field were unsure whether the player's tears appeared before or after the ash fell. Another time, upon seeing a toenail torn half off a player's foot during half time, Charlie simply leaned down and finished the job - the toenail was gone. Paul Puma tells of similarly 'gentle' treatment during his 1963 health issue. The thing is, everyone

recovered and had great "Dr. Charlie" stories to recount for the rest of their lives.

The second Huskies' doctor, who didn't arrive on the scene until a few years later, was renowned orthopaedic surgeon David Petrie. Saint Mary's varsity athletes were the main focus of his work in sports medicine. His devotion to SMU's teams eventually resulted in the University granting him an honorary doctorate.

### "Next Year"

Things didn't begin well in 1964. For the fifth year in a row, SMU and St. F. X. met in the first game of the season, played in front of 5000 fans on a Friday night at the Wanderers' Grounds, and again X won, this time by a score of 20–8. The difference in 1964 was that SMU and SFXU played a second game against each other the following week. This time the Huskies prevailed, defeating X by a 9-8 score in Antigonish, ending their forty-seven (47) game winning streak. A1 Keith's "rouge" (single point on a kick) was the winning point, but, as *The Journal* put it, "It was Paul Puma who ate up the yardage to set up the Saint Mary's scores." Both teams then went 5-0 against the rest of the league, with Stadacona being the only other real competition. Puma, as well as rookies Darryl Burgess and Ted Purnell, each scored over sixty points on the season.

Both St. Francis Xavier and Saint Mary's had identical 6-1 records, with X having an edge in scoring in the two games between the teams as well as in the overall point spread for the season. X supporters assumed their team should once again play in the Atlantic Bowl, but the Bowl was invitational at the time and SMU had momentum. It didn't hurt that SMU was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ryerson's national poll, while X was ranked 5th. St. F. X. coach Don Loney described the decision in favour of SMU as "rotten", but it was he who had proposed the motion that the 1964 AFC representative be chosen by the league executive, rather than through league standings. "Huskies in

Bowl!" shouted the headline on the front page of the November 21, 1964 issue of *The Journal*.

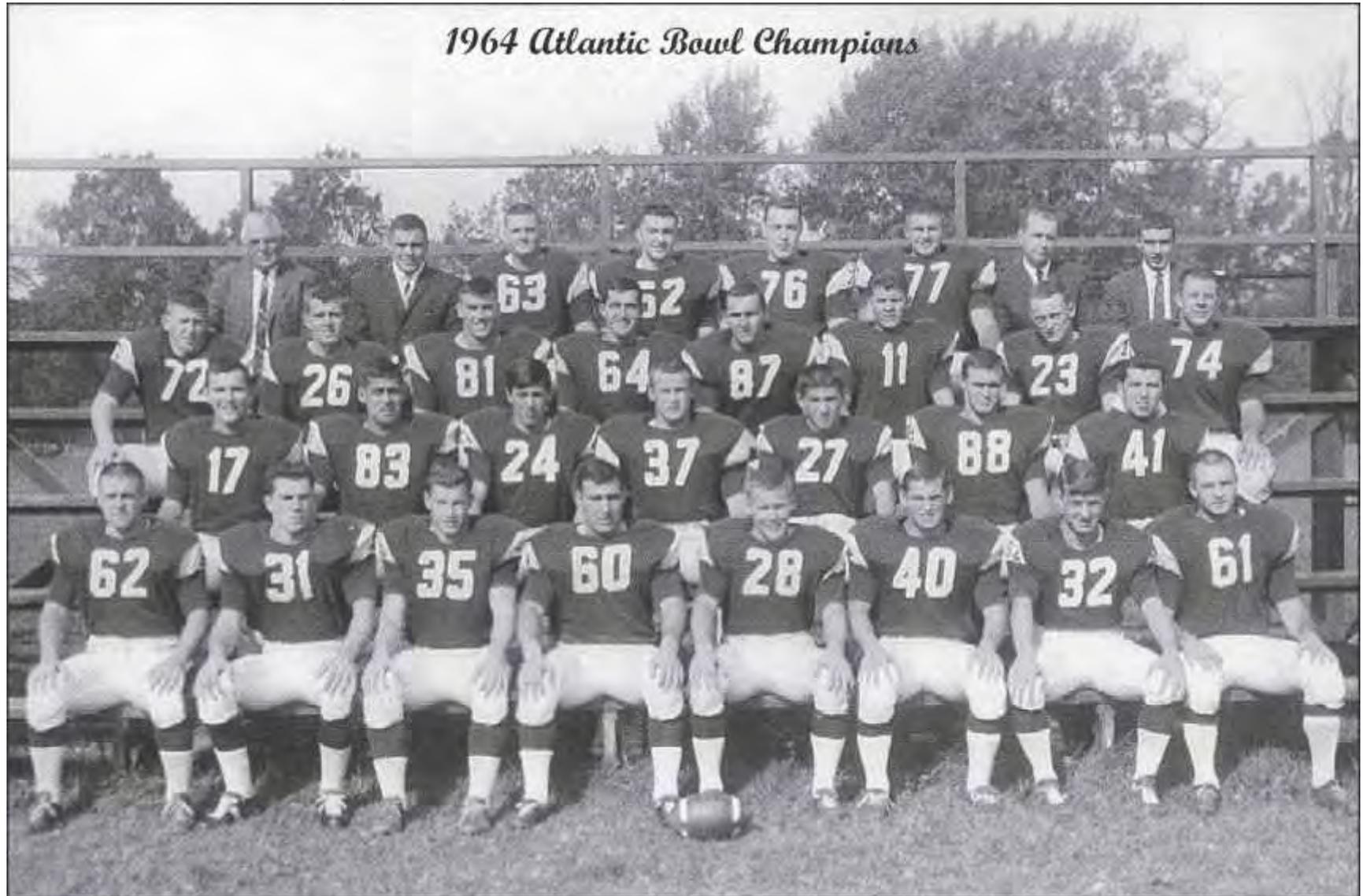
On page eight of the same issue there was a story entitled "Students March".

"Yesterday Saint Mary's and Halifax saw one of the greatest displays of University spirit in the annals of pre-football game activities. The rally was organized as a publicity stunt for tomorrow's Atlantic Bowl game between the Saint Mary's University Huskies and the McMaster Marauders from Hamilton, Ontario. Needless to say for all you students who took part in the march, the objective was definitely reached."

"We want our boys back."

The last line of the story quoted the cry that had gone up on the side of Citadel Hill, across from the Halifax police station, on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The police, apparently perceiving the march along Robie Street, Spring Garden Road and Barrington Street as an "apprehended insurrection" rather than the good fun it was, had arrested 13 of the marchers and threatened to charge them with all manner of crimes. In the end, 12 of them pleaded guilty to minor traffic violations and paid small fines, while the thirteenth pleaded not guilty and was acquitted. That year's yearbook, *The Santamarian*, was dedicated to "the 13 on the 19<sup>th</sup>". They had made sure that Saint Mary's and Halifax were ready for the big game.

The game itself was over almost before it began. On McMaster's very first offensive play, with the Huskies already up 3-0, SMU linebacker Don Murphy anticipated the snap and ran right through Mac's centre, taking all the fight out of him and the entire McMaster offence. Paul Puma and A1 Keith scored touchdowns for SMU, John Schneider kicked a field goal and the defence did the rest, holding McMaster to a net 93 yards for the game, while the Huskies had gained 350. SMU won 15-1 and the entire city celebrated.



**First Row:** Jim Magee, Don Murphy, Ted Purnell, Bob Ruotolo, A1 Keith, Frank Garner, Jack Lyons, Tom Haney  
**Second Row:** Dave Murphy, Bob Johnstone, Charlie White, Larry Matheson, Mike Colle, John Murphy, Paul Puma  
**Third Row:** Wayne O'Brien, Darryl Burgess, Stu O'Brien, Dan Skaling, Ron Venning, Steve Armitage, Erwin Penner, Brian Murphy  
**Fourth Row:** Les Goodwin (Asst. Coach), Bob Hayes (Head Coach), Gerry Redmond, Ron Traenkle, Pete Grant,  
 Frank Archamault, Ed Ritchie (Manager), Wayne Leahey (Manager)  
**Missing from Photo:** Jim Bayer, Assistant Coach, Bill Baldwin, John Schneider

# Returning '64 Huskies to honor Hayes

Dr. Dave Murphy is a Halifax oral surgeon. Paul Puma is a physical education teacher. Stu O'Brien is a chiropractor. Red O'Brien owns a real estate Company in Florida. Bob Johnston and John Murphy are teachers. Larry Matheson works for the feds in Ottawa. Steve Armitage is a popular sportscaster with CBC Television.

But on this Atlantic Bowl weekend, they'll be back in Halifax under a common bond — as members of the 1964 Saint Mary's Huskies who gave the university its first Atlantic Bowl win 25 Novembers ago. Most of the 27 players who earned SMU that win will be in town for a reunion that will include the establishment of a scholarship to honor their coach, Bob Hayes.

The '64 Huskies, the first Atlantic team other than St. Francis Xavier X-Men to reach the Atlantic Bowl, defeated the V&C Master Marauders 15-14 before 4,000 fans. Touchdowns by Puma, a hard-driving fullback who was runner-up as conference MVP, and Al Keith, a wingback who would later become SMU's head coach, paced the victory that afternoon. Dave Murphy and Armitage were the quarterbacks for a team that went 6-1 to tie for first place with St. F. X. in the nine-team Bluenose conference. The Huskies played in the Bowl game after being chosen by a selection committee. There were many



## Facing Facts

By Hugh Townsend

fine performers for SMU that year, including the conference's two top rookies, Ted Purnell and Daryl Burgess. Some of the others were Allan Keefe, Brian Murphy, Dan Skaling, John Schneider, Bob Ruotolo, Bill Baldwin and Frank Archimbault.

Dave Murphy, who was offensive coordinator for Al Keith's 1973 Huskies who won the national championship, heads the reunion committee. "We decided we should organize something in association with the Atlantic Bowl," he says, "and get all the guys back just to see everybody again."

The university is having a reception for the '64 players and their wives Friday evening, at which time they will introduce the Bob Hayes Football Scholarship to be given annually to "a football player who exemplifies what we thought the coach meant to us," says Murphy. "It wouldn't necessarily be the most valuable player. Maybe the player who tried the hardest or lead by example." The next day the former players will have brunch, then watch the '89 Huskies face Western Ontario Mustangs.

Murphy says the players

have special memories of Hayes.

While getting responses from the players over the last few months, Murphy says the theme was "let's do something for the coach — he has given so much and meant so much to all of us. He was a real tough taskmaster, but he had a soft heart. Anytime any of us were in trouble or needed help, he was always there for us.

"We remember some of the funny things Bob used to do to us, and some of his philosophies. For example, he always said man was a chicken, that horses were better than man because a horse would run until he died, giving it everything he had. Man wasn't as good because man would pass out before he died. So that was the kind of philosophy that he coached us with — and something that we always remembered and have fond memories of."

Murphy, like the others, remembers the '64 Atlantic Bowl.

"I think we proved we were a capable representative of the Bluenose Football Conference.

"Looking back rekindles very fond memories of the people, especially the coach, and the camaraderie that we had. It was a totally different atmosphere than what they have today."

The reunion will create new memories.

"We're looking forward to every aspect of the weekend," Murphy says.



In the sports pages of the following Monday's *Halifax MaU-Siar*, Saint Mary's alumnus Malcolm Johnson wrote about the game:

'The ferocious four in the Huskies front line, Frank Archambault, Pete Grant, Stu MacDonald and Bob Johnston, backed up efficiently by the secondary of corner linebackers John and Don Murphy and interior linebackers Larry Matheson and Bob Ruotolo turned in their strongest defensive performance of the season.'

Steve Armitage wrote an article in the February 12, 1965, issue of *The Journal* about Saint Mary's All-Canadian players for 1964: Paul Puma, Frank Archambault, Bob Ruotolo and Don Murphy, the latter being the only rookie selected. Archambault was selected to both the offensive and defensive teams, the only person ever to achieve that double honour in a single season. Steve Armitage, a SMU quarterback and kicker throughout his university career, went on to be an award winning sports reporter and announcer with the CBC, receiving an honorary doctorate from Saint Mary's in 2009.

In the spring of 1965, SMU students awarded Bob Hayes the first honorary Gold 'M', in recognition of his contribution to their lives and the life of the University.

### 1965-1969

Perhaps because you can do something the first time only once (that is, beat X) and perhaps because there was no Atlantic Bowl that year, the 1965 season was somehow anticlimactic. Saint Mary's were the undisputed champions of the new Bluenose Football Conference, defeating SFXU by a 9-2 score in their only meeting that year. Despite the close score, SMU dominated the game, with seventeen first downs to X's three, and 364 total yards to X's 185. Paul Puma and Darryl Burgess were a "one-two punch" both in running the ball and in scoring SMU's first point, with Burgess kicking the ball into the end zone and Puma "nailing" the receiver. The new Huskies QB Ernie Turek, part of the first of many waves of fine players from Hamilton, Ontario, to come to Saint Mary's, threw the game's only touchdown pass with two X defenders clinging onto him.

In a March 1966 interview with *The Journal*, Bob Hayes expressed disappointment with the Bluenose Conference. He said he would rather see the two Navy teams return and the weaker college teams dropped into a 'B' division.

In a bid to improve the level of competition in the fall of 1966, SMU played pre-season exhibition games against strong teams from Maine Maritime Academy and McGill. SMU lost both games, but played well. Against the Maine school, Ernie Turek and Jim Stewart were strong on offence and Paul Puma stood out on defence. Puma was "making tackles all over the field" and had a big runback on an interception. In the McGill game, Ernie Turek "stood out in a losing cause" and local boy Bill Baldwin had over 150 yards rushing.

Things were easier for SMU in their first league game, a 60-7 win over Mount Allison. Ted Purnell, back after a year on the sidelines, had five touchdowns. The next league game, against St. Dunstan's (PEI) was much closer. Tim Sullivan's column "Tim's Huddle" in the October 17, 1966, *The Journal* started this way:

"Friday night's game with St. Dunstan's was quite a surprise for anyone who attended, including the football team."



**Ted Purnell, 1964 AFC Rookie-of-the-Year;  
member first Atlantic Bowl Championship team.**

Later in his column, Tim went on to say,

"Bill Baldwin is doing a great job for the Huskies running out of his halfback slot. It is hard to believe that Bill never played high-school football. Bill was a super-star in the inter-fac football league ..."

SMU was tenth in the national rankings at the time, while X was eighth.

In describing a later win over Acadia, Tim Sullivan acknowledged the continuing good work of Turek, Puma and Baldwin, but then paid tribute to the "hardest working members of the Huskie machine, the offensive line", which was led by Frank Archambault, Frank Garner and Dick Franklin. All three continued to be leaders after leaving SMU. Dick Franklin later received an honorary doctorate from Saint Mary's in 1999.



**John (J.B.) Murphy, 1967 Male Athlete-of-the-Year; member, 1964 Atlantic Bowl Champions.**

Despite the win over Acadia, SMU was dropped out of the national top ten.

The Huskies then went on to "drub" Dalhousie 56-0, to take the Lobster Trap Trophy for the seventh consecutive year. That left just one game on the schedule, against X, who were tied with Saint Mary's with matching five and zero records. The Bluenose Conference had apparently figured out that year, as the AFC never had, that the league would be much more interesting with the two perennial powers meeting in the last game of the year, rather than the first.

The big game started well for the Huskies, with Purnell going 81 yards on a pitch-out for a TD and Baldwin tackling X's Brule in the end zone for a safety: SMU-8, X-0. It finished well, too, with J. B. Murphy catching a touchdown pass. In between, though, it was all in favour of the X-men. The final score was 27-15 in favour of X. *The Journal* report said Dick Franklin and John Dudley "stood out in a losing cause". It also noted that

"Paul Puma and Frank Archambault, playing their final games as Huskies, turned in solid efforts ..."

Tim Sullivan's *The Journal* column was a poignant tribute to the end of an era that had begun quietly in 1960 and built to a crescendo in 1964. He wrote:

"To give what our Football team gave on that field against X is something you can't measure in touchdowns or points. It's measured in men and names like Puma, Archambault, Murphy, Baldwin and Markowski and right down the whole roster of names who gave more to the name of St. Mary's University in two hours than most of us gave in four years. But they don't want sympathy because they lost. They don't want a pat on the back and the old familiar 'nice try' or 'wait till next year'. These men who take off their helmets still have what it takes. Inside, they know they gave it all they had."

1967 wasn't a bad year for the Huskies, but it wasn't great either, and it ended early. It began well with an exhibition win over highly touted McGill, where Bill Baldwin ran for 164 yards and a touchdown. The solid defence was led by Don Murphy, Blair Lopes, John Porter and John MacLeod. Things were looking good for a week; then SMU lost 24-6 to X and the season was pretty much over. No one else was going to beat X and give the Huskies another shot at the championship.

Tim Sullivan summed things up when he wrote:

"For 'X', it was their unofficial 'title' game\_\_\_The league schedule should be altered so that the X-men-Huskie game is the final... game played..."

Things seemed to be looking up for Saint Mary's in 1968. Sixty players, including forty veterans, turned out for training camp. Linebacker Don Murphy was back for his final year. St. F. X. and SMU met twice at the beginning of the season and SMU won both times. In the second game, X managed a half time lead, but the Huskies ran the ball down their throats in the second

half and won going away, 35-20. Jim Dimitroff had 134 yards on 27 carries and Eric Beddes ran an interception back 55 yards for a touchdown. The only bad news was that Don Murphy was called up by the Montreal Alouettes and was lost to the Huskies for the rest of the season. Saint Mary's made quick work of Dal and Mount A in the next two weeks, but then came up short against UNB, 18-6. SMU had to win all their remaining league games to make it to the Atlantic Bowl for the second time, and they did so. The Axemen led the final league game 20-14 at the half, but it was all SMU the rest of the way - the final score was 44-20 in favour of Saint Mary's. QB Ernie Turek, in his last regular season game, led the way with three touchdown runs. SMU was in the Atlantic Bowl again, but it wasn't to be a repeat of 1964. Instead, Waterloo Lutheran (now Wilfred Laurier) rolled to a 37-7 victory.

In February of 1969, four Huskie players were taken in the CFL draft: Ernie Turek, Eric Beddes, Darryl Burgess and Terry Johnson. There wasn't a lot of good news in 1969 after that, except that the Huskies received a new field, thanks to the Canada Summer Games. It was more or less the current field, minus the Tower and artificial turf, but with a substantial wooden grandstand on the east side.

The team won its first exhibition game in September, but that was against a short-staffed UPEI team. The next week the Huskies travelled to Ontario and lost an exhibition game to Waterloo, 31- 0. In the first league game, Dal beat SMU 17-6 and took the Lobster Trap Trophy for the first time in its ten year history. The following week produced another loss, 27-19 to UNB. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> league loss in a row, 22-7 to PEI, the game report in *The Journal* contained the following sentence:

"Three weeks ago the University of Waterloo *Chevron* told the world that the Huskies were the world's worst football team, and for the last three weeks Huskie fans have been slowly awakening to the realization that the *Chevron* might be right."

The same issue contained a letter critical of the team in general and of certain players in particular.

The next week's *The Journal* contained the headline: "Football players tear up 1500 *Journals*"... apparently the team hadn't liked what they had read. Four players were later 'tried' by the Campus Judicial Board for their part in the incident. Three were fined \$10, while the fourth was acquitted.

Later in the year, the new sports editor, Claude Isaacs, brought peace to the university's sports scene when he wrote:

"For the most part, I think, we have refrained from blatantly criticizing a team's performance in any game. Naturally you are going to think of the 'Great Football Team Massacre' (in four part harmony), but the paper tearing incident took place before I joined *The Journal*. Somehow, I just can't bring myself to criticize someone unless I feel I can do better myself. . . . There are times when teams deserve criticism, and times when they don't, but I believe that a team knows when it has played badly, and that it really doesn't do a whole lot of good to have them read about in a week later in *The Journal*."



**Elizabeth Chard and Bob Hayes share a laugh and memories of good times past.**

There was not much joy in Mudville in 1969, but the saddest thing was that it was Bob Hayes's last year as coach. Bob hadn't had a losing season for nine years. Every year but his first and last, Bob's Huskies led the league or challenged for the lead, but he decided it was time for him to be a full time athletic director and for someone else to concentrate on football only.

Bob Hayes was a remarkable person. He had arrived at Saint Mary's in 1958 as an unpolished gem. He had no advanced education and no background in public speaking. What he did have was great intelligence, an imaginative and inventive mind, a wicked sense of humour and a fierce competitiveness. The last was demonstrated during his first few years of coaching at SMU when, once each year, he would put on the gear and, without a warm-up, take part in a scrimmage in which he would run through as many players as possible. He earned a degree at Saint Mary's, while tending to all his athletic duties, and became a sought after speaker. He was known for writing pointed and hilarious letters "to the editor", as well as to countless friends and acquaintances. He invented one-support goal posts, the twin quarterback system, "handy-dandy" pass defences and an array of other devices and systems, some of which actually worked. Despite differences in age, religion and education, he became the closest friend of Father Hennessey. In spite of his gruff exterior and lack of gentility, he became such a good friend of Dr. Elizabeth Chard that she, a thoroughgoing academic, became a leader in many aspects of Canadian sports herself. Bob Hayes was a giant among men.

#### Al Keith and the Quest for The Holy Grail

Athletic Director Hayes did not have to look far to find his successor as football coach. Al Keith, the captain of the great 1964 team, had returned to Saint Mary's in 1969 as an assistant coach. He was the man for the job, although he was hardly a Hayes clone. Al was quieter and calmer than Bob. Both as a player and a coach, he was more likely to go around an obstacle than through it, although he had been more than tough



Al Keith, member 1964 Atlantic Bowl Champions and Coach, CIS Championship, 1973

enough to run back punts at a time when Canadian punt returners had no protection whatsoever.

Al's greatest strength as a coach was in recruiting. Some of his recruits had an immediate impact on St. Mary's in 1970.

The year began with exhibition wins over Acadia and Waterloo, the team that had embarrassed the Huskies in 1969. The regular season included wins against every team other than UNB, champions for the second year in a row. By the time they closed the season with a 34-8 win over the X-men, SMU had fully regained its credibility. With new names such as Robinson, Kozak and Clark, the Huskies were on the way up again. Bill Baldwin came back for a final season and was, as always, a powerful runner. Kevin Florio, also in his final year, was once again strong defensively and on runbacks.

An editorial in *The Journal* summed things up:

"As another football season draws to a close we again find ourselves out of the Atlantic Bowl. Everybody is standing around saying 'How did that happen?'... Probably the biggest . . . [scatological synonym for 'disappointment'] . . . is having the best team and not being champions. We lost one game to UNB. How they beat Saint Mary's I'll never know.... Saint Mary's has

the best team, but that one crucial game against UNB decided the championship."

1971 looked to be an even better year as SMU began the season with a 26-20 exhibition win over Sir George Williams U. of Montreal, then ran the table in league play. Along the way they beat defending champions UNB handily, 31-7. SMU won the Lobster Trap trophy by "demolishing" the Dal Tigers who, according to *The Journal's* Claude Isaacs, "put on the most disgusting exhibition of dirty play and poor sportsmanship". Saint Mary's closest league game was a 28-21 win over X,



Angelo Santucci, signed photo with Edmonton Eskimos

who were led by former SMU quarterback Jim Aucoin. The leading rusher for the '71 Huskies was Angelo Santucci, while the defence featured such players as Henri Mayer, Fraser MacDonald and Dave White. Despite a great year to that point for Saint Mary's, the opposition failed to cooperate in the Atlantic Bowl. The Western Ontario Mustangs won going away, 44-13. *The Journal* reported, "the Western defence completely over-powered our offence with the exception of Ang Santucci who played a brilliant game."

Despite the setback in 1971, the 1972 season began with lots of optimism. For the first and last time, it also began with a varsity-alumni game. Doug Wright, who had started his long association with SMU football as a defensive coach the previous year, recalls it this way:

"Someone forgot to tell the alumni that nothing was at stake. They played as if the Atlantic Bowl were on the

line - after warming up at a Grafton Street landmark. Arriving at SMU to get ready, the alumni helped themselves to the varsity gear. That left enough for only half the varsity players, so 30 of them suited up for the first half and then took off the gear so the other 30 could dress for the second half. The last straw was coach/alumnus A1 Keith hitting varsity star Keith Hotchkiss just as he was crossing the goal line for the game's only touchdown, blowing out his (K.H.'s) knee."

Claude Isaacs wrote in *The Journal*: "After a member of the alumni tried to 'cleat' a varsity player, the whole thing erupted into a rip-roaring fight." The varsity squad won the game 7-4, taking the 'Knucker' Burns trophy once ... and forever.

Back in the real world, the Huskies also struggled for much of the season to put many points on the board, but their defence held the opposition to even fewer. They won an early season exhibition 16-8 against a Wilfred Laurier team that was trying out a new offence. SMU came from behind to beat Acadia 17-12 and then beat St. F. X 13-11, thanks to a touchdown pass from Bill Robinson to Gord Fumerton with just eight seconds left in the game. There was more scoring on both sides in a 31-24 last minute exhibition loss in October to then number one ranked Western team, which had won the Atlantic Bowl so easily eleven months earlier. Then SMU really got it going against Dal and UNB, winning 55-1 and 39-13. Wide receiver Mike Kirkpatrick scored three sensational touchdowns in the UNB game and won the scoring championship with sixty points. Seven Huskies were selected to the league all-star team. They looked to be ready for big things in the post season, but they just weren't ready for the now perfected Waterloo Lutheran wishbone-T offence and its triple option running attack. WLU's quarterback, who was the game's MVP, completed just two passes for twenty-five yards, but he ran for 140. SMU had 201 yards passing, including five passes for 84 yards to Steve Telfer, but it just wasn't enough. It didn't help that Angie Santucci was injured and couldn't dress for the game.

Like the SMU teams of early '60s teams, the early '70s teams kept coming up just a little bit short, but they were doing it one level higher. In the '60s the problem was to beat X and get out of the league and into the even bigger games. That was hardly an issue from 1970-72 when the team went 17-1 in league play. The problem had become: how to get beyond the Atlantic Bowl.

### The Big One At Last

"Football line-up looks promising" stated the sports headline in *The Journal* on September 10, 1973. With 17 fourth year players and several promising newcomers, it looked as if it would be SMU's best chance to beat the recent Atlantic Bowl jinx. Then they took to the field and, shades of 1964, things didn't start out so well. First there was a 7-1 exhibition loss to X, then a last play 24-22 loss to Acadia in the season opener. It took until the third game of the year, another exhibition game, for things to turn around. "Huskies pull off upset", said the headline, as the defence led SMU to a 23-21 win over then second-ranked Ottawa Gee Gees."

Time and again, crushing tackles by Doug Wasson, Rod Allison, Fraser MacDonald or Henri Mayer stymied the Ottawa attack". After that it was "Huskies Show Superiority" in a 32-0 win over X, "Huskies romp to victory", beating Dal 45-7, "Huskies tear up Mounties, 54-7" and "Huskies Demolish Red Bombers" (60-6), on their way to a regular season record of 5-1. UPEI and Acadia also finished 5-1, but SMU had the best point spread and they met PEI in the Bluenose Conference's first championship game. SMU won 28-7, completely dominating play, with 406 total yards compared to PEI's 148. Bill Robinson ran for three touchdowns and Angelo Santucci rushed twenty-eight times for 186 yards. Saint Mary's was in the Atlantic Bowl for the third consecutive year.

A *The Journal* article laid out the challenge:

Saint Mary's... are the equal to Waterloo or Ottawa or Toronto, but these teams play against each other during the year and not against Mt. Allison, Dalhousie or St. F. X. Therefore it is going to take a supreme effort on the part of both the players and the coaching staff to be ready for the Atlantic Bowl..."

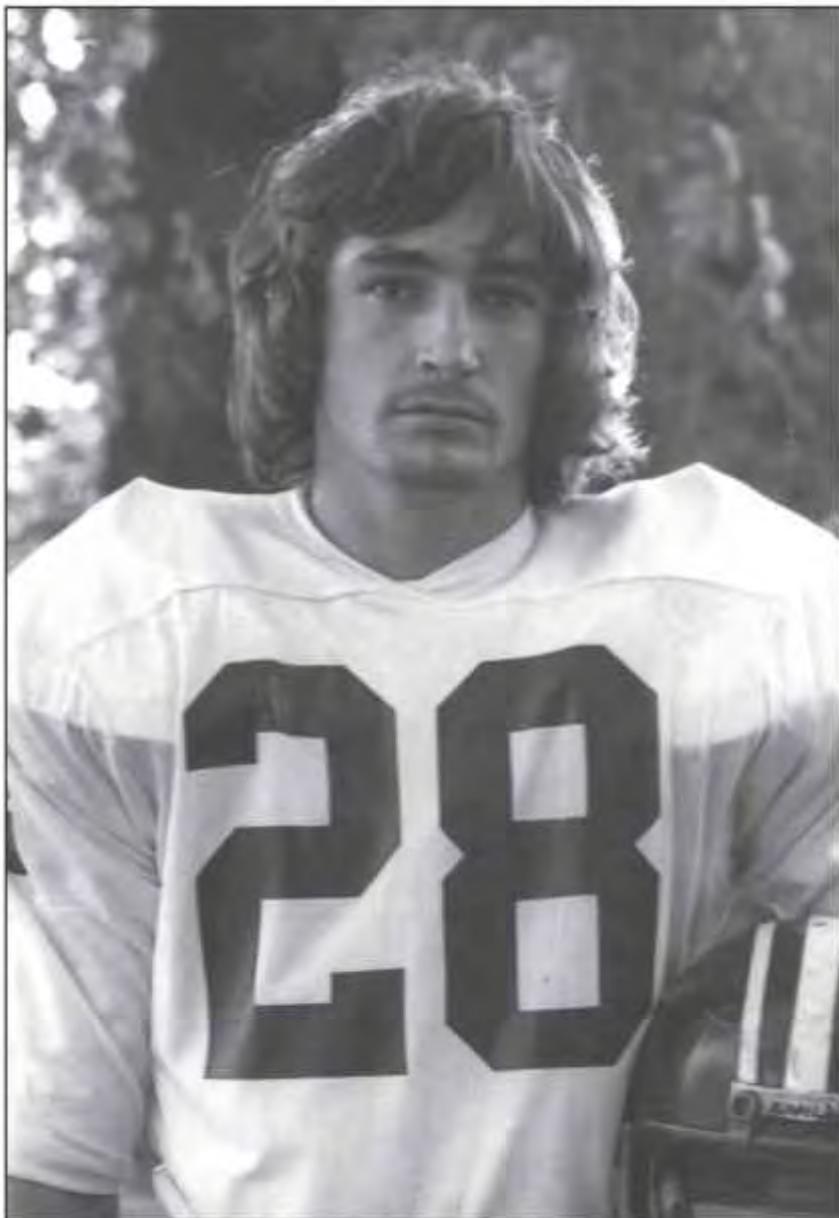
Once again in 1973, SMU's opponent in the Atlantic Bowl was Waterloo-Lutheran, the team with the unstoppable wishbone attack the previous year. Unless SMU found a way to stop the run, the result was likely to be the same. Keith Hotchkiss, a star receiver who was in his last year with the Huskies, remembers what happened:

"There was a turning point at practice mid-week when the receivers and QB came over to watch the defence work on the wishbone-T which Waterloo ran with great success. They had been having a difficult time trying to figure out how to stop it. Our second stringers were the offence and Dave



Murphy, who was an assistant coach, was the quarterback. The first few plays we watched the second stringers were running untouched by our starting defence who just couldn't figure out who was getting the ball. So we started hollering at them (words of encouragement). After a couple of more plays Dougie Wasson, our middle linebacker, stepped up and nailed the running back at the line of scrimmage. We continued to holler and chant and the defence continued to nail ball carriers before crossing the line of scrimmage. I remember walking past

**Chris Clark: 2009 Hall of Fame Inductee; AUS MVP; played professionally in the CFL and NFL, including the Super Bowl. [Shown above in a Hamilton Ti-Cat uniform.]**



**Brian Burgess: Played on both 1973 AUS and CIS Championship teams in football and basketball**

the Loyola Desk and stopping to talk to whoever was working at the time and telling them after today's practice I know we are going to win. As it turned out on the opening play of the game Dougie stood up their big fullback and he fumbled; we recovered the ball and the game was on. It's was really one of the few times I remember hearing the crowd, as we ran onto the field to take possession of the ball deep in Waterloo's end."

Except for the first few minutes of the second half, Saint Mary's forced WLU out of their game plan, but still were down 14-3 with twenty-seven minutes to go. Then, after getting in close on passes to Hotchkiss and Kirkpatrick, SMU brought the score to 14-10 on a play action pass to Steve Telfer. WLU came back with a field goal. Then the Huskies forced a safety: 17-12. With time winding down, SMU took over the ball near midfield. Three plays later, Bill Robinson threw a twelve yard pass to Ken Clark for a touchdown. WLU had one last chance, but were stopped for a final time by the Huskie defence when Dave White recovered WLU's fourth lost fumble of the game. **SMU 19 - WLU 17.** [See photo of the 1973 team under CIS Championship Teams in a concluding section of this book, pp. ].

"Huskie stadium turned into complete chaos as the fans carried Clark and Robinson on their shoulders to the dressing room." WLU coach Tuffy Knight attributed the loss in part to his team losing momentum when a second half fight in the stands delayed the game for several minutes. A1 Keith credited the win to defensive coordinator 'Spook' MacLeod for figuring out how to stop the wishbone, and to the defence for carrying out Spook's plan

A week later in Toronto in the worst of playing conditions, Ken Clark's kicking was the difference as Saint Mary's outscored McGill 14-6 and won the College Bowl. Angelo Santucci scored the Huskies only touchdown; the defence was solid as always. A1 Keith summed up the year by saying, "After our two opening losses we became a team and we just improved with every week, with a tremendous team attitude." Huskie fans in Toronto and in Halifax summed up the year by celebrating long into the night.

## 1974-75

The September 9, 1974, *The Journal* said the Huskies had their work cut out for them, with big names like Bill Robinson, Ken Clark, Fraser MacDonald, Buzz Theriault, Dave White, Henri Mayer and Keith Hotchkiss lost to graduation. Still, the team had fine veterans like Santucci, Kirkpatrick and Telfer, as well as second year stars Brian Burgess, Cliff Pelham, Hector Pothier, Rodney Allison, Mike Riley, Mike Curry and others. The season began much as it had in 1973, with exhibition losses to SFXU and Acadia. SMU did win its first five regular season games, but scores were much closer than the year before: 34-29 over X, 36-20 over Dal, 30-15 over UNB. The final league game was against Acadia, also undefeated to that point, and SMU lost 24-22, with the playoff game taking place the following week in Wolfville. Saint Mary's defence came up big, as did Angie Santucci, and SMU won the championship by a score of 20-9. A week after that the Huskies met the University of Toronto in the Atlantic Bowl. "2 V2 Quarters of Solid Football" said *The Journal* headline. The half time score was 7-1 for Toronto, but the final score was 45-1. *The Journal* story said the result was due to "the Blues omnipotent running game and stingy defence".

There was no joy in Huskies Stadium that day, but a *The Journal* editorial decried "drunken belligerence" in the stands, with the actions of a few "once again" tarnishing the image of the University. It would be thirteen years before SMU fans would get a chance to redeem themselves.

The 1975 Huskies were 6-0 in the regular season, mostly due to their defensive strength, but their struggle to put points on the board finally caught up with them in the playoff game against Acadia. The Axemen won 10-3, the first of several Atlantic championships for them in the 70s and 80s. Under the headline "When you get 'No. Two blues'", *The Journal's* Blaine Whynott said SMU had the best defensive backfield in Canada, but the offence suffered from "stagnant and unvaried play selection". The offensive highlight of the year occurred after the season when tackle Hector Pothier won the J. P. Metras Trophy.

Shortly after the season finale, A1 Keith resigned as head coach. In his six years, A1's teams had a conference record of 35-4; he was the AUAA Coach-of-the-Year in 1972 and 1974 and the Canadian Coach-of-the-Year in 1973. However, by 1975, the fun of coaching was eroding for him, so he chose to go into business instead. But A1 never stopped being a SMU football guy; even returning to the team a few years later when the call came, but his glory years were behind him.

## 1976 -1986 : "Also Rans!"

The new coach was Acadia alumnus Jim Clark, who had been assistant coach at Clearwater (Florida) High School. The league was now the Atlantic University Football Conference (AUFC). The main change from the BFC was a new playoff format. The regular season winner would now receive a bye into the final, while the second and third place teams met in a playoff to determine the other finalist.

With Florida recruit Glen Sever at quarterback, the "new look" Huskies began the 1976 season with a 5-0 record, including a 35-22 win over the Acadia Axemen in Wolfville. They had a balanced offence, including a strong running attack led by newcomer Moe Harmon and returnee Joey Digiantomasso. There was a strong offensive line, with centre Hans Himmelman, guards Charlie Sardo and Mike Curry, along with tackles Hector Pothier and Andrew Knapp. The defence was solid. Things were looking up until the final game of the regular season game, a return match against Acadia, this time in Halifax. The Axemen won 23-8. SMU then defeated UNB 24-17 in the playoff, but lost again in the championship game to Acadia, 19-15. Des Lewin of *The Journal* described the game as "one of the best in this conference in a long time". Without taking anything away from Acadia, he also said it was the second conference final in a row in which he was "convinced that the best team had lost...." The SMU offence had played well. There were also "many big plays on defence", with Ed Wilson and Ray Ford tipping away passes and "crunching tackles" by Barry Belshaw, Danny Norkin, Charlie Gardella and Danny Duval.

The 1977 Huskies looked promising. They had new quarterback Mike San Angelo and new kicker/receiver Rick Reynolds to provide an offensive spark, as well as some strong returnees. The problem was that the rest of the league had now caught up, with SMU finishing with a 2-5 record, defeating only UPEI (21-14) and Mount Allison (16-6). In an article summing up the season, Des Lewin said that, despite the losing record, the team had gained respect and support from the students and other fans by their sportsmanlike conduct on and off the field. Halifax sports-caster Earl Morton used to say, "If you lose with a smile, you're still a winner". It seems that some SMU fans shared that sentiment, at least for one season.

By September 1978, *The Journal* was referring to the "dismal" year past and promising something better for the new season. The 1978 season was better and did have some high points, just not enough of them. The Huskies finished 4-3, including a win over Acadia, but St. R X. won the conference title. Most of SMU's excitement came from running back James Boyd, who led the country in rushing.

In 1979, coach Jim Clark decided to leave Saint Mary's and A1 Keith agreed, reluctantly, to return. The football season unfolded much as it had in 1978, but with Acadia back in control. The Axemen beat the Huskies 41-14 in the season opener and 32-7 at the end. SMU split with X and won the rest of its games, on the way to another 4-3 record. The Huskies had a strong defence, led by captain Bruce Cole and linebacker Mark Heidebrecht, but the offence was rather inconsistent.

1980 was a "might have been" year for SMU. Things began with a bang - for the first time since 1975, the Huskies went 4 and 0. After James Boyd was hurt, Brian Murray emerged as a leading rusher while Rick Reynolds was enjoying another strong season. Neil Ellison was the league's top kicker. Then Murray was injured, followed by veteran QB, Mike San Angelo. SMU lost their next three games - to X and Acadia on the road and UNB at home. With a narrow win over Mount A in the final regular season game, the 5-3 Huskies squeaked into the playoff against

Acadia. Murray and San Angelo were back for the playoff game, but both were playing injured. Acadia prevailed 27-10, going on to win the Atlantic Bowl by a wide margin and then won a close game for the Vanier Cup. SMU could only wonder what might have happened if three of their offensive standouts had not been hurt. They had a great defence again, led by Grant Cowie and Vinnie Romano, but it just wasn't enough.



**Jim Czenze**

Despite having what A1 Keith described as the best line-backing unit in all his years at Saint Mary's, the 1981 team was only the third best in the AUFC. The linebackers were Jim Czenze, Renzo Passaretti, Steve Molnar and Dennis McPhee. They were unable to prevent two losses to Acadia and two more, including one in the playoffs, to Mount A. With the exception of the games against X, SMU did not generate much offence.

1982 was a year to forget. Carl Hebert led the league in pass completions and John Kowalski in receptions and yardage, but that was pretty much it. Game after game the scores were low and close, with SMU always coming up short: they finished 0-8. The big news of the year was the arrival of artificial turf at Huskies Stadium, courtesy of federal minister Gerry Regan, who had a long connection with Saint Mary University.

Early in 1983, A1 Keith resigned as SMU's football coach for the second time. His replacement would go on, like A1 himself, to be one of the great figures in SMU sporting history. Larry Uteck had arrived in Halifax the previous year after a fine career in the CFL; his sister Anne was an assistant to alumni director Laurie Smith. It wasn't long before Larry was assisting A1 Keith on the football field, and when A1 resigned, Larry was waiting in the wings.

Things did not go so well during Larry's first few seasons. After a tie with Acadia in an exhibition game, SMU began the 1983

regular season 0 and 4. The low point was a 44-8 homecoming loss to Mount Allison. In its next game, SMU showed it had some talent by defeating eventual league champions St. F. X. by a 29-17 score. Rookie quarterback Terry O'Brien completed twenty passes for 303 yards and two touchdowns, but it was downhill again after that. SMU finished the season 1-6.

The Huskies had another unmemorable year in 1984, at least with their won and lost record. Every game but one was close, but SMU came up short each time. They finished the season 0-7. Late in the season, defensive lineman James Hatcher wrote a couple of columns in *The Journal*. In the first he said the Huskies didn't look like a winless team He said the team was talented and well coached, but young and in a league with no easy games. In his second column, headlined "Czenze's Last Stand", Hatcher wrote:

"With his head down for the first time since I have been here, one knew it was finally over.... His favourite saying was 'shake it off, if s a good three feet from your heart' - a phrase I always hated but it did us all a lot of good."

The 1985 season brought more frustration. The Huskies beat each of the other AUFC teams in either exhibition or league play. They won decisively over eventual league champion Mount A in a game televised by TSN. They also lost two games by a single point and another by five. They seemed much better than their 2-5 record suggested.

Saint Mary's had a 2 and 5 record again in 1986, but there was nothing satisfying about it. Both wins came against a Mount Allison team much weaker than it had been the year before. The losses to St F. X. and Acadia were by embarrassing margins, especially a 36-0 blowout by X, again shown on TSN. It wasn't obvious that SMU was about to enter the most exdting years in its long football history.

According to Henry Lee's rant "The Other Guy" in *The Journal*, alumni were complaining about the coach and the "lack of work" by the team. Lee spoke up for the coach and the team and disparaged the alumni grouseers. The complaints soon vanished.

## The Wonder Years

In the 24 years from 1987 through 2010, the Saint Mary's Huskies were Atlantic Conference champions 17 times. During that stretch they won five Atlantic Bowls, two Uteck Bowls, a Churchill Bowl and two Vanier Cups.

It all began with the arrival on campus in the fall of 1987 of the most electrifying player ever to wear the maroon and white. Chris Hynn was the most highly recruited player of his time in Canada. He had led his Quebec CEGEP team to victory against strong competition and had the look of a winner at every level. The big mystery was why he had chosen Saint Mary's, which had been 5-31 in its previous six seasons. Some have suggested it was, if not exactly divine intervention, at least some timely words from a respected Halifax cleric to an influential and



Chris Flynn, No. 1, leaping high to pass downfield

religious member of the Flynn family which made the difference - but that's a story for another time.

Whatever his reason for choosing Saint Mary's, Chris Flynn's impact was felt from the moment he stepped on the field at Huskies Stadium. The 1987 Huskies had exhibition wins over X and Mount A and then beat the Mounties 31-13 in Sackville to begin the regular season. They lost a thriller to Acadia in Wolfville, but then came from behind to beat the Axemen 26-21 on a TSN broadcast game in Halifax. Hynn completed 17 of twenty-six passes for 236 yards. After another win over Mount A, SMU somehow lost to winless X in Antigonish - the X-men's first win of the year. With first place on the line, the Huskies then traveled to Wolfville for the third meeting of the year with Acadia. SMU won 26-25, with Hynn completing 21 of 34 for 297 yards and two touchdowns. A week later in Halifax, it was even more of a Flynn show: he threw for 175 yards and ran for over 200 in a 30-23 win over Acadia in the league playoff. Saint Mary's was headed for the Atlantic Bowl for the first time since 1974. The front page of *The Journal* was a reprint of the "Huskies in Bowl" front page from 1964.

The 1987 Atlantic Bowl game was summed up by the headline in *The Journal*: "Heartbreak at Huskie stadium - last second field goal wins Atlantic Bowl for McGill". The lead went back and forth all afternoon until McGill ended it with a 45 yard field goal on the final play. Hynn threw three touchdown passes, two of them to Brian Smith. With time winding down, Jim Fitzsimmons faked a punt and ran sixty-nine yards for a touchdown. After a two-point conversion, SMU was ahead 29-27. Then came the fateful kick.

T. Paul Woodford of *The Journal* spoke for a lot of us when he wrote, under the headline "Eulogy of a Huskies fan":

"It was so much easier being a SMU fan when they always lost, you never expected anything great. The one or two wins they did manage were just a bonus, and most of all there were no Atlantic Bowl heartbreaks.... I died on Saturday November 14, 1987, at 4:56 PM to be exact."

One alleged Saint Mary's fan, who shall remain nameless, had the temerity to take part in a bowl game discussion with Peter Gzowski the following Monday and say it was the greatest game he had ever seen.

Although Hynn got the headlines and inspired the fans, there were many other fine players on the 1987 team. Among them were receiver John Lukan, defensive back Dale McLare and lineman Peter Curwin, who all had played their final game against McGill.

### 1988 - An Even Greater Heartbreak - Bill Scollard Remembers

'The 1988 season began with very high expectations for the Saint Mary's football team. The previous year we lost on a last second field goal in the Atlantic Bowl to the eventual national champions, the McGill Redmen. We had evolved from a good team that felt it had a chance to win, into a team with expectations of greatness, an undefeated season, and the goal to win a national championship.

The regular season went according to plan with Saint Mary's ranked number One in the country for much of the year and the rest of the AUAA giving little opposition as we rolled to a perfect 7-0 record. Chris Hynn was having a huge year statistically and was already well on his way to establishing many CIAU quarterback records that still stand to this day.

In the 1988 AUAA final SMU prevailed in a very close game against the Acadia Axemen 37-35, the game only derided when we forced a turnover deep in Huskie territory late in the fourth quarter.

Our 1988 Atlantic Bowl opponents were the Bishops Gaiters. They came to Halifax with a reputation for having a strong defense, but the Saint Mary's offense had a big day and we rolled to a 44-10 victory. Late in the first quarter Chris Hynn injured his eye when he took a late hit. After sitting out two series he was able to return and played well for the rest of the game. We were all excited that Saint Mary's would be heading to Toronto to play the Calgary Dinosaurs at Varsity Stadium in our first national championship game since 1973.

We arrived in Toronto still ranked #1 in Canada and were very confident of victory. It was an exciting week with the Vanier Cup celebrations occurring all around us. The team practiced well on both Wednesday and Thursday and felt well prepared for the challenge on Saturday. Thursday night promised to be memorable with the entire team attending the CIAU national awards dinner where Chris was to win the first of his three Hec Crighton awards as the outstanding player in the country. Most of the team had boarded the bus to go to the dinner when our receiving-coach, A1 Keith, motioned me to come off the bus because he needed to talk to me. This was not unusual so I thought nothing of it. When we got off the bus Coach Keith informed me that Chris had a concussion, and due to the risk of further injury, would not be playing in the game: I would be starting at quarterback! He told me not to share that with anyone. Chris was going to win the Hec Crighton that night and would announce to the audience that he would be unable to play the next day. I returned to the bus and sat quietly trying to absorb what Coach Keith had just been told me and how the next few days might play out.

My sister Janice and my brother-in-law Wilf attended the awards banquet. I did share with them, in confidence, the news that Chris was injured and couldn't play on Saturday and that I was going to be the quarterback. My sister immediately reminded me that I didn't know how to play quarterback and that Saturday could be "really bad". I would be lying if I didn't admit that thought had also crossed my mind.

When Chris announced that he would not be playing on Saturday in front of a crowd of 400 the room went completely silent. The awards banquet ended and we spilled out into the lobby of the hotel with everyone talking about the shocking news. Doug Smith (our regular backup quarterback) and I were summoned to Coach Uteck's hotel room where coach informed Doug that I would be the starting quarterback on Saturday. Doug was very gracious and promised to assist in any way he could to help prepare me for the game. As we were leaving his



**Spook MacLeod, deep in conversation with head coach, Larry Uteck**

room Coach Uteck told us both to get a good night's sleep because we had a lot of work to do on Friday. For the record, I did not get a good night's sleep on either of the next two nights.

We practiced twice on Friday and I did some extra work to get more comfortable with the offensive package we planned on running. I was very nervous about the game, but did not want to show that to the rest of the team so I remained positive and simply focused on what the coaches wanted me to do. As you would imagine the media and football experts gave us little chance to win with Chris being unable to play.

In the lobby of the hotel on the morning of the game all my teammates were offering me words of encouragement, which I appreciated, but my anxiety level continued to build. Coach Bill Robinson sensed I was feeling the pressure and asked me if I wanted to go for breakfast with him. I was grateful for the opportunity to get away from the larger group and talk with Bill about the game plan. We went for breakfast, talked about the plays that I felt comfortable running, worked out a basic signaling system to call in the plays and talked about many non-football related topics. I think that was Coach Robinson's way of trying to take my mind off the game and also to kill some time. Then we returned to Varsity Stadium and dressed to play.

When the game began we moved the ball very well on offense, but I kept making small errors that would stall our drives. Calgary was making some plays offensively, and with three minutes to go in the half, held an 18-1 lead. We took over on offense and began to move down the field with Matt Nealon making some great catches to maintain the drive. With only seconds

left in the half Matt made a spectacular over-the-head diving catch in the end-zone for our first touchdown. We went into halftime energized and confident that we could score again.

We continued to play well in the second half on both sides of the ball. Only my mistakes, which included a fumble deep in our own territory, limited our scoring. Calgary capitalized on that turnover given the short field and drove for a quick touchdown.

One of the small and somewhat comical moments of the game was when I approached the line of scrimmage looking at the Calgary secondary trying to read their defensive formation. As I squatted behind the centre and began to call my cadence, I looked up to realize that I had lined up behind our right guard. I had to jump over in mid-cadence to get behind the centre just before the snap of the ball.

With Calgary leading 31-15 late in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter we moved the ball down the field and scored on another touchdown pass to Matt Nealon. We were successful on a two point conversion to make the score 31-23 and our confidence, as they say, was sky high. We stopped Calgary on their next possession and took over on offense with eight minutes to go and the ball on our own forty-yard line. The team was very confident we would drive downfield and tie the game. On second and ten I attempted to throw a quick post pattern to our wide receiver, when a Calgary defender made a great interception and returned it 75 yards for a touchdown essentially ending our chances of winning. They added more points late in the game to seal the victory.

Although we were hugely disappointed in the outcome we were very proud of the team's efforts that day. If just a few more breaks had gone our way it is easy to imagine victory was within our grasp. Even now, twenty-two years later, it bothers me that we did not win. I cannot look at the Vanier Cup trophy without feeling disappointment that the 1988 team is not engraved on it. I am still surprised how many times a year my mind will drift back to some moment of the game. I suppose when you are so emotionally invested in a cause, such as the 1988 team, both successes and the failures stay with you forever.

Although the primary memory of the day is disappointment it is also mixed with a sense of pride in all members of the 1988 team including players, coaches and support staff. There was never a moment when that team focused on anything but winning the game. We spent no time feeling sorry for ourselves about the loss of Chris and simply prepared to do our best with an expectation of success. We played hard for 60 minutes, focused on the task at hand and made no excuses at the final outcome. Even in defeat it was evident that all associated with that team epitomized "Huskie Pride" that day."

### **1989 - A Great Team Comes Up Short**

The consensus of those who were there at the time is that the 1989 Huskies were the best SMU team of the Flynn era. Unlike in 1988, they had no trouble with any of the other Atlantic teams. They went 7-0 in the regular season, outscoring the opposition 337-97. They demolished Acadia 46-2 in the playoff game. They had a brilliant set of pass receivers, including Bill Scollard, Ian MacDonald, Matt Nealon and Brian Smith. The running attack was led by Sean Mongey, Calvin Scott and Anthony Williams, along with Flynn. All Canadian Doug MacKenzie, in his final year, helped lead a strong defence, often overlooked due to the powerful offence. Then the Western Ontario Mustangs came to town for the Atlantic Bowl, and brought their own great offence. The teams held each other in check for the first half, but it couldn't last. UWO's running attack exploded in the third quarter and they took a 35-13 lead. SMU came roaring back with three fourth quarter touchdowns. Flynn completed thirty passes for 445 yards and four TDs on the day, and he rushed for sixty-seven more yards. Bill Scollard, the 1988 Vanier hero who was playing his final game, caught seven passes for 200 yards and had a 41-yard punting average, despite playing with a sore shoulder which had kept him out of practice. The Huskies had more first downs and more total yards than the Mustangs, but it just wasn't enough. Final score: UWO 38 - SMU 33. It hurt even more a week later when UWO rolled over Saskatchewan for an easy Vanier Cup win.

## 1990 - The Last Hurrah

After the 1989 season, there was speculation that Chris Flynn would leave SMU for the CFL. That notion was put to rest early in the new year. "Flynn puts CFL on hold" said *The Journal* headline. The caption on the accompanying photo of the quarterback read "Moses To Return". Flynn himself said, "If s just tough to leave after the way the season ended. Two Hec Crightons and a Vanier Cup would have been a perfect time to go."

Except for one game, the 1990 regular season was much like the year before. A single loss, 16-9 to Mount Allison in Sackville, NB, was it, but that was also where many SMU teams have come to grief, before and since. All told, SMU outscored the other teams 325-124 and finished the season with a 7-1 record. Two of the wins were over the UCCB Capers, who gave the AUFC a fifth team for only a single season. The playoff game against Mount A was no contest: "Huskies blast Mounties 43-8". Then Western came back to town for the rematch.

### "SMU Downs Western In Atlantic Bowl Thriller".

The game hadn't started well - Western led 14-0 after nine minutes. Then the Huskies roared back and led 22-14 at halftime. It was all Western for much of the second half. After the Mustangs kicked a field goal with 1:15 to play, they led 30-25. When SMU took over the ball on their own 35, Flynn led the team downfield to the 'promised land' in Toronto. He finished the game with a fifteen yard pass to Anthony Williams in the end zone. SMU 31- Western 30.

A week later, Chris Flynn finally played in a Vanier Cup game. Against the Saskatchewan Huskies, he completed 20 passes for 287 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 63 more yards. SMU had more yardage than Saskatchewan; SMU's Trevor Burke was named defensive player of the game, but for all that, Saskatchewan still led 24-21 as the clock was winding down. With 26 seconds left and 36 yards required for a touchdown, Flynn broke from the pocket as he had so many times before,

trying to perform one last miracle. For perhaps the only time in his Huskie career, he did not sense a defensive player closing in on him from behind. The pursuer caught up, stripped Flynn of the ball, and it was over. SMU fans were dumbstruck.

After the game, Flynn talked of coming back to SMU for a fifth year, but it wasn't to be. An era had ended without a Vanier Cup, but Chris Flynn left us a lifetime of thrills as a legacy. He also left good memories among the other players. As Bill Scollard puts it, Chris was "an ideal teammate, a star who never developed a big ego"

### How Do You Follow An Act Like That?

#### 1991-93

It wasn't just Chris Flynn who was gone in 1991, but also great receivers Matt Nealon and Ian MacDonald and All-Canadian guard Richard MacLean, among other star players. Still, with all those losses of key personnel, the Huskies looked to be a good team. Trevor Burke was back to provide good defence and run back kicks. There were strong runners in Sean Mongey and Anthony Oxley, a great kicker in Dana Segin and a talented receiver, Steve Sarty. There was also a new quarterback, David Sykes. David wasn't new to the team, just to the position. He



Four time AUS All-Star  
Wide Receive^ Steve Sarty

had come to Saint Mary's after a great high school career at QEH and bided his time as a place kicker and occasional receiver. He did not have Chris Flynn's ability to roam and improvise, but he was a good passer from the pocket and a strong leader. He was also very intelligent, a 4.0 student; the team was in good hands.

Things started well for the Huskies, with a 31-7 win over X. Sykes completed 12 of 23 passes for 226 yards and two touchdowns. Two of the completions were thrown to former X player, Steve Sumarah, who would become a crucial figure in Saint Mary's football a decade later. Next it was a 26-0 win over Acadia in Wolfville, where SMU dominated the Axemen offensively and defensively. Gus Karouzakis, Andre Williams and Ken Walcott each had interceptions. After that, SMU walloped X in two more games and barely squeezed by Acadia despite a lopsided advantage in yardage. Mongey ran for over 100 yards in five consecutive games. The team was 5-0. Then they went to Sackville and met the same fate as the 1990 team had; they were now 5-1. The return game in Halifax looked like a complete mismatch. SMU had three times the yardage of Mount Allison and triple their first downs. Sykes completed twenty-three (23) of twenty-eight (28) passes. However, in the end, the statistics which mattered were six turnovers by Saint Mary's and a 24-21 score, again in favour of Mount A. That meant the playoff would be at the much-dreaded Varsity Field in Sackville. The result was predictable. Somehow the Mounties fended off an apparently superior Huskies team for the third time in one season, winning 25-24. To rub salt in the wounds, they then went on to defeat Saskatchewan handily in the Atlantic Bowl.

More troubling than the final score against Mount A was the story behind an editorial in *The Journal* entitled "Booze, Buses and the Brawl at Mt. A". The editorial expressed dismay and disgust over "six bus loads of drunken SMU fans and even more drunken Mt. A supporters".

1992 looked as if it might be the Huskies' year. They won eight straight games in league play and reached number one in the national rankings. Once again, the only real competition came from Mount A, which finished second. In a playoff, SMU defeated the Mounties 32-10.

This Saint Mary's team had both offence and defence, with linebacker Alex Eliopoulos being named Canada's top defensive Player-of-the-Year. It was the defence that made the difference

### **Men's Varsity Program: Football**

in the Atlantic Bowl against Calgary. David Sykes suffered a cut on two fingers of his throwing hand and completed only four passes. One of them went to Anthony Williams for a nineteen yard touchdown. Saint Mary's held Calgary to only 189 yards in offence and won the game 23-11. Linebacker Brian Johnson, who doubled as a fullback and ran in a short touchdown, was named player of the game.

For the third time in five years, Saint Mary's played in the Vanier Cup game. For the third time in five years, they lost, this time 31-0 to Queens University. With Sykes unable to complete longer passes, the offence never did get on track SMU gained fewer than 200 yards all day, and much of that was offset by 125 yards in penalties.

David Sykes won the Russ Jackson Award, presented annually to the CIAU football player "best exemplifying the attributes of academic achievement, football skill and citizenship".

The 1993 Huskies had forty-seven players back from the previous year, inducting twenty starters. Things began well, with a 25-17 exhibition win over Saskatchewan in the first annual Canadian Shrine Bowl. Sykes completed eleven of fourteen passes for 148 yards and one touchdown. When the regular season started a week later in Wolfville, things didn't go well at all. Sykes was 19 for 29 and 157 yards, but both Mongey and Sarty were injured and the offence never got going. Acadia won 40-7. Then, against St F. X., SMU won by two points, thanks to a field goal by Dana Segin with no time left on the clock. The rest of the league games were relatively easy, including a 42-3 thrashing of X in a return match and a complete reversal against Acadia, 43-7. In the Acadia game, Sykes set a CIAU record for the highest percentage of pass completions: 28 of 30 for 310 yards and 4 touchdowns. The playoff game against Acadia was a scary affair: SMU led 28-13 with eight minutes left in regulation time, but Acadia came back to tie the game with a touchdown as time ran out. It was all SMU in overtime - the Huskies won 48-28. The outstanding individual star of the day was Truro's James MacPherson, who ran for 302 yards, an all-time single game record for Saint Mary's.

Calgary Dinos returned to Halifax for their second Atlantic Bowl game in a row. Calgary was ahead at halftime, 19-6, but SMU came back in the second half. With only four minutes elapsed in the fourth quarter, they took the lead 23-19 on a pass from Sykes to Charles Ashe. But at that point Calgary got back on track, scoring eighteen unanswered points in the last eleven minutes of the game, winning 37-23. Saint Mary's season and David Sykes football career were over, although Sykes won his second straight Russ Jackson Award. It was also the final game for Trevor Burke, Anthony and Andre Williams.



**Andre Williams**

David Sykes wasn't Chris Hynn, but he was certainly a worthy successor. In his three seasons as the Huskies quarterback, the team won twenty-five games and lost just six. He led them to two Atlantic Bowl games and one Vanier Cup game. His two Russ Jackson trophies showed Saint Mary's as something more than a "jock school", an unfortunate tag that was touted in some quarters. Within months of his final game he brought even more honour to Saint Mary's when he was selected as a Rhodes Scholar.



**David Sykes, two-time  
Russ Jackson Award  
Winner & Rhodes  
Scholar**

David's family adds these details about their son:

"David chose to spend five years at SMU and played football. His entire career at SMU was supported entirely by academic scholarships. He was recruited by Queens University,

Mount Allison and SMU ... and he chose SMU. When Chris Flynn decided not to return to SMU, coach Larry Uteck suggested to David that he might like to 'try out' for quarterback. David immediately went to see his old Queen Elizabeth high school coach, Mike Tanner, and asked him if he would mentor / assist him. They worked at this all spring and summer with some help from old high school friends as receivers. They concentrated on a quick release and a variety of passes. Mike also told David leadership was important for a quarterback; so David's assignment was to run a mile at the end of every practice after everyone else was exhausted. David arrived in training camp with excellent quarterback training and superb physical condition ... and won the quarterback spot. During David's five years at SMU, he completed two degrees simultaneously and graduated with a B.A. and B. Comm., with honours in both. In his remarks at the graduation ceremony, coach Uteck stated much of David's success was due to hard work. He became SMU's first Rhodes Scholar and attended Trinity college at Oxford for two years and one year at London School of Economics, earning a Master's degree from both institutions."

### 1994

Even with the loss of several stars, the 1994 Huskies were still the cream of the Atlantic football crop, but the rest of the teams were beginning to rise to the top as well. SMU lost twice to X, 8-7 and 14-11, but then won the rest of their regular season games, to finish with a 6 and 2 record. All the wins were by narrow margins except, inexplicably, a 52-19 blowout of Mount A in Sackville. Quarterback Matt Finley had a good season, as did his all-star receivers Charles Ashe and Mike Messam, with Mark Dalla Riva handling the place kicking duties well. David Bottrill also emerged as a player to watch. The playoff game was a rout, 60-14 over Acadia. Everyone hoped the Huskies were peaking at the right time, but it turned out to have been a week too soon. The Eastern Huskies met the Western Huskies

in the Atlantic Bowl, and the west prevailed, thanks to a quick start. Saskatchewan scored on its first two possessions, led 27-15 at the half and had another touchdown just after returning to the field. SMU played well the rest of the way, but the final score was 35-24 against the team from Halifax. It was the last game for Huskies' stalwarts Reno Barbati, Noah Cantor, Chris Goddard, Sean Mongey, Dwayne Provo and David Segin.

### **Everyone Else Has a Turn: 1995-98**

From 1987 through 1994, Saint Mary's had won seven league titles and three Atlantic Bowls. Thanks to them, the Atlantic conference had gained respect across the country. But nothing lasts forever, not even ascendancy in an intercollegiate sport. The Huskies didn't walk away without a fight in 1995, but they were nudged aside.

The SMU football program had entered a new phase. Coach Larry Uteck had become both a municipal politician and Saint Mary's acting-athletic director. Football was still his first love, but it was a matter of time until he turned over the reins to someone new. Time was soon to be a more precious commodity for Larry than anyone could have known.

The first game of the 1995 season started well, with scoring passes from new QB Perry Marchese to Mike Messam and Steve Sarty, but the game did not end well. Neither defence showed up and X recovered to win 44-42. A week later, in what *The Journal* described as "*A Dog Daxj Afternoon*", the Huskies fell to Acadia, 31-17. Over the next four weeks, the old Dog showed it still had some fight in it, winning two games each over X and Mount A. Then, despite big games by MacPherson and Marchese, the Huskies were "axed by Acadia" in the heavy winds of Wolfville, 24-17. Their last shot at the playoffs came the next week in rainy Sackville. James MacPherson had another great game, with 24 rushes for 134 yards and a touchdown, but unfortunately for SMU, the Mounties' Eric Lapointe picked that afternoon to have the best game of his storied career: 311 yards on 22 rushes. That was it for 1995, except for lineman Teddy MacLean winning SMU's third Russ Jackson Award in four years.

1996 was more of the same; more MacPherson, more Marchese and more Eric Lapointe. The Huskies did manage to beat each of the other teams once, but only once. Their record for the year was 3-4 and they missed the playoffs again. It was the final season for the "N.S. Granite Trio": James MacPherson, Teddy MacLean and defensive tackle Terry Buchanan.

One highlight of the 1996 football season was the sparkling writing of Signa Butler in *The Journal's* sports pages. Signa, a fine athlete herself, demonstrated why she would go on to become a top CBC sports reporter.

It was around this time that a way of celebrating scoring plays unique to Saint Mary's came into existence. The "Tit Crew", as the group of student celebrators was known, dressed in coveralls and sometimes wore face paint. Each time Saint Mary's scored, all Crew members would "dive" from the top of the grassy slope on the south side of the grandstand and slide on their stomachs all the way to the bottom. On wet days they slid easily and got muddied; on dry days they had to work harder to reach their destination, but they never failed to get a rise from the crowd.

1997 was not a year to remember for Saint Mary's. The headlines tell the story: "Huskies Throw Away Opener"; "Huskies Stuffed and Mounted"; "Huskies Fumble Game Away"; "Bye Bye Post Season \_\_\_ Again"; "Woeful Huskie Season Comes to an End". SMU won only once, coming from behind 21-0 to defeat Acadia 35-30. That game saw the emergence of a new quarterback, Ryan Jones, Marchese's heir apparent.

1997 was also Larry Uteck's last year as SMU's football coach. Larry was officially installed as the Athletic Director that year. He was ready to pick his replacement.

No one required binoculars to spot the new coach on the field in September of 1998. Blake Nill was a mountain of a man. He was an Albertan who had spent several years as an assistant coach at St. F. X. after a CFL career. He was ready to build a winner.

"I would also like to ask for a big round of applause for the Huskies second opponents of the game, the always embarrassing AUA officials."

Officiating didn't have much of an impact the rest of the way. The only close game was an 8-3 win over Mount A - in Sackville, of course. Perez continued to run wild; so did Dean Jones, while Erico Hakim blocked and pounded the line from the fullback position. And Ryan Jones kept throwing touchdown passes, with Paul Heming catching several of them, while future NFLer Steve Morley helped make the job easy for the offence.

Seven former members of the Edmonton Huskies junior football team, including Dean Jones and John Salmas, joined Saint Mary's in 1999. They were an important part of the dynasty Blake Nill was building.

The 1999 playoff game against Acadia turned out to be a game for the ages, instead of a walk in the park. After being down 14-7 at halftime, the Huskies came back to win 25-24 on a last minute field goal by Jason Currie. Ryan Jones was 19 for 30, throwing for 369 yards. James Reinke of *The Journal* described the game as the greatest exhibition of football he had ever witnessed.

The Atlantic Bowl game against Waterloo wasn't too shabby either. Running the option, Waterloo scored first. Their second trip down the field ended with a Curtis Nash interception, followed by a touchdown pass from Jones to Travis Tyler. Joe Barbati ended Waterloo's next march with an interception of his own, and Jason Currie kicked a field goal. SMU 10: Waterloo 7 - after 30 minutes. Saint Mary's scored another touchdown to begin the second half. Waterloo managed to reply with one of its own, but then the SMU defence closed the door. SMU won 21-14 and headed for Toronto.

As the headline said, the best teams "don't always win". The Huskies looked like the better team, but lost the Vanier Cup game to Laval, 14-10.



**Blake Nill, Head Coach after big win**

Blake Nill's offensive coordinator was Steve Sumarah, who had also been an assistant at St. Francis Xavier University. Sumarah's second move from Antigonish to Halifax was to last much longer than the first.

It was fitting that Saint Mary's first game of 1998 was against the X-men in Antigonish. It was a sign of things soon to come that the Huskies won 13-9. The next game was a 27-22 win over Acadia in Halifax. Sophomore Luis Perez ran for three touchdowns and veteran Ray Skeete had 119 yards rushing. Domenico Bartolacchi kicked two field goals. The Huskies came back to earth a week later when they encountered Eric "the Great" in Sackville: it was 34-20 for Mount A. In the return match at home, SMU smothered the Mounties 32-4 behind the running of Skeete and Perez. The season reached its peak a week later in the homecoming game against X... SMU won 29-7, with Perez rushing for 193 yards. The Huskies were 4-1 and ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the country, but it didn't last. They lost their last three games of the year, 36-3 to Mount Allison (in Sackville again), 14-7 to Acadia and 35-22 to SFXU. The final record was four wins and four losses, but many saw the potential for great things ahead.

### A National Powerhouse

Saint Mary's began the 1999 season by beating Mount Allison 22-1. Without Lapointe, Mount A managed only 106 yards in total offense. Ryan Jones was good on ten of thirteen passes for SMU, and rookie Patrick Thibeault caught five of them for fifty yards. However, they went to Wolfville next and stumbled, losing 21-18. James Reinke of *The Journal* spoke for a lot of Huskies fans over the years when he wrote:

Against Atlantic opposition the 2000 Huskies had a nearly perfect season. They went 8-0 and won the playoff game handily. The only game they came close to losing was against Mount A in late October. SMU had just under 500 yards in total offense in that game, but still took a last minute interception in the end zone by Curtis Nash to preserve a 25-19 win. Most of the offense during the year came from the "usual suspects" back from the 1999 team. Perez, Hakim and Dean Jones were still running the ball with impunity, and Ryan Jones was still throwing touchdown passes to Fleming, Thibeault and Currie. The difference was that they scored almost 400 points, while giving up fewer than 100.

Saint Mary's opponents in the Atlantic Bowl were to be the Regina Rams. Regina had a season record of only four and four, before winning two western conference playoff games. They looked like easy pickings. Apparently someone forgot to tell them . . .

Luis Perez had two touchdowns in the first half, but Regina had three along with a field goal and led 24-14. In the second half, Kyle Morrison blocked a punt for a touchdown and SMU scored 22 straight points for a 36-24 lead. With little time left, that looked safe. It wasn't. First the Rams ran a kickoff back for a touchdown. Then they forced Saint Mary's to take a safety. Regina almost ran the ensuing kickoff all the way back. They finished the job on the next play: Regina 40 - SMU 36.

### 2001 - *Ne Plus Ultra*

By the fall of 2001, Saint Mary's fans were chomping at the bit. The Huskies had been at or near the top of CIS rankings for almost three years, but had not won. Could it be 1987-94 all over again? Always a bridesmaid . . . ? If the fans were concerned, one can only imagine the thoughts that were passing through Blake Nill's head. The big Westerner subscribed fully to the Vince Lombardi philosophy that winning was the only thing.

However, neither the coach nor the fans need have worried. Steve Sumarah describes the 2001 Huskies as the most dominant team in the history of Canadian university football. The numbers support the claim: the team went 11-0. They outscored the opposition 480-35 in the regular season and 128-31 in the postseason. They did not surrender a single rushing touchdown:

they mauled Laval 48-8 in the Atlantic Bowl; then it was 42-16 over Manitoba for the Vanier Cup, despite 23 penalties. No superlative would be excessive.

Total dominance can also have its dark side. In the opening game of the year, SMU was accused of running up the score against Mount A, winning 105-0. Instead of replying diplomatically or assuming the posture of a gracious winner, Coach Nill said the Mounties were hurting the league by not doing enough to put a competitive team on the field. The league responded by suspending him for a game, but the suspension was later overturned by a review committee.

Week after week, Ryan Jones and company lit up the scoreboard. Finishing his career with the Vanier Cup game, Jones scored three touchdowns and was named the game's most valuable player.

Everyone celebrated the Huskies first national championship<sup>1</sup> in twenty-eight years. Worries that an Atlantic conference with one disproportionately strong team might not survive were put off to another day. Winning and losing tend to come in cycles in all sports ... at all levels of play.



**Head Coach Steve Sumarah and Coordinator. Gord Beattie**

1. See pp. 270-71 for a two page photo of the 2001 National Championship Team. [Ed]

## 2002 - Ordinary Superstars

In order to add both variety and competition to the regular schedule, the four team Atlantic conference convinced the much larger Quebec conference to take part in a partial interlocking schedule. Each Atlantic team would play one home and one away game per year with Quebec teams.

SMU's first game of the 2002 season was an interlocking game against Laval. The game was almost too competitive. Laval led 10-3 after the first quarter. With a touchdown reception and a field goal by David Stala, SMU was up 13-12 at the half. Another Stala field goal and a touchdown reception by Jason Currie made it 23-12 SMU at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Then Laval scored two unconverted touchdowns to take a 24-23 lead. Saint Mary's won 26-24 on Stala's third field goal with time expired on the clock. One of the Huskies touchdown passes came from Steve Panella and the other from Billy Robinson, son and namesake of the 1973 Atlantic Bowl star.

Panella and Robinson would go on to share the quarterbacking duties. Panella took more snaps, but Robinson got regular work as well, particularly when short yardage was required.

The next game was easier, a 44-12 win over Acadia at Huskies Stadium. SMU had rushing touchdowns from Dean Jones, Gabe Harvey and Stephane Lubin, while Les Mullings ran in a successful on-side kick recovery.

The next two games showed that SMU had new home grown competition. They first lost 20-15 to Acadia in Wolfville and then 13-11 to X in Antigonish. It took the Mount Allison Mounties coming to Halifax to get them back on track: 69-3.

The second interlocking game took place the following week. SMU defeated Concordia 49-17 in Halifax. Four fourth quarter touchdowns accounted for most of the margin of victory.

Both Saint Mary's and Saint F. X. finished the season 6-2, but the Huskies finished first due to greater point spread. Then SMU rolled over X by a 63-14 score to win the Atlantic title.

For the first time since national playoffs were established in the 60s, there was not an Atlantic semi-final. Instead, Saint Mary's had to travel to Hamilton to play McMaster in the Churchill Bowl, on a grass field. The Marauders were undefeated and ranked first in the country. Saint Mary's had been known to struggle on natural turf against Atlantic teams, so McMaster was the heavy favourite, but the Huskies won the game 36-25. SMU had rushing touchdowns by Jones, Hakim, Robinson and Harvey in the first half, while Mike McPherson caught a scoring pass from Panella in the second half. David Stala, a Hamilton native, caught five passes for 105 yards.

SMU met Saskatchewan for the Vanier Cup and became the first repeat winner in twenty-five years. In the last game of his career, Dean Jones had 105 yards rushing, including a touchdown. Robinson, Stala and Harvey also scored touchdowns. Panella completed eighteen of twenty-six passes, two of them for touchdowns, while Stala added a field goal, and Jeff Moodie tackled the Saskatchewan quarterback in the end zone for a safety. With Saskatchewan on SMU's seven yard line late in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, linebacker Joe Bonaventura intercepted a pass and prevented Saskatchewan from taking the lead. SMU won 33-21. Panella was named as the game MVP.

Paul Fleming, Jason Currie, David Stala, Steve Morley, Colin Oldrieve, John Salmas and Dennis Arruda all finished their careers at the end of that season.

Huskies fans were thrilled with their second Vanier Cup win<sup>1</sup> in a row and were hoping for more.

1. The full team photo, with all the names of each member of that team are list on a double page spread on pp. .272-73 of this publication. [Ed.]

### A Sad Day, but One to Remember...

Larry Uteck died on Christmas Day, 2002, five years after he was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Larry had worked at Saint Mary's as long as the ravages of the disease would permit. In 2002 he had been named a Member of the Order of Canada. During Larry's funeral at a packed St. Mary's Basilica,

Bill Scollard delivered this eulogy.

*"My name is Bill Scollard. Iliad the honour of playing football for Coach Uteck in the late 80's. Approximately three years ago I uvote a letter to Coach Uteck thanking him for the positive influence he had been on my life. Over the next six months I saw Coach many times and, true to character, the letter was never discussed between as.*

*Approximately six months after I delivered the letter Sue Uteck took me aside one day and told me that Larry had been very moved by that letter and wanted me to read it at his funeral. After many tears were shed by Sue and myself, I told her I zwid be honored.*

*Here is the letter. I zvoidd like to think it is a tribute from all the players, family and friends of the Saint Mary's Huskies football program that had the opportunity to learn under Coach Uteck.*

Dear Coach,

I have written and re-written this letter many times over the past ten plus years, both during my playing days and after. I have wanted to express to you what an important influence you have been in my life but I could never quite find the words, the timing, or perhaps the courage, to deliver the message.

Over the years the content of this letter has changed many times but the core message has always remained constant

... that being a deep appreciation for the positive influence you have had on my life.

I arrived in Halifax in 1985 at a real crossroads in my life. I was confused, lacking focus, with many more questions than answers. I was in need of guidance, reassurance and direction. I was in need of a mentor.

With you as my teacher and Saint Mary's University and Huskies Stadium the classroom I began a journey. At times I thought you were simply teaching me football skills and realized later that football was simply the medium to communicate many of life's lessons that would benefit me in the years ahead.

Coach, you created for me an environment that allowed me to grow and flourish. Your encouragement, sometimes verbal and many times not, validated my passion for the game and all its components. The environment you created allowed me to reap the rich benefits that are only available when you allow yourself compete emotional investment in a cause. Within this environment you taught me much including:

1. to treasure every moment on the football field whether it be warm-ups, practice, scrimmages or game day
2. to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat
3. to celebrate team first and individual successes second
4. that there is no shame in defeat, but only in not giving your best
5. that when you put team first, choices become crystal clear
6. that winning and losing are both contagious
7. that the team with the most talent doesn't always win
8. that 60 minutes means 60 minutes regardless of circumstance.

Coach, these lessons have become part of my personal roadmap and when I exercise them I hope I honour you. When I show my son how to hold a football, explain to my daughter that boasting is wrong, when I explain to both the importance of fair play, always doing their best, that the win is in "the try", these are lessons I borrowed from you and I am grateful to you for the example.

I left Saint Mary's a very different person than the one that had arrived five years earlier. I still had many of life's questions unanswered but, because of your influence, better prepared to continue my journey.

I have no adequate way to repay this debt. I wouldn't know where to begin. As inadequate as it sounds I will close by simply saying thank you and offer a promise to strive and make the same positive contributions to people's lives that you have made in mine. I love you.

*That is the end of the letter but I would like to share a few more words. I have said on many occasions how disappointing it was that Coach never coached a championship team. He was able to experience this win as an AD for the past few years but I still think he was disappointed in not winning it until "his" players while he was coaching.*

*In thinking about Coach Uteck the last few days I would like to think that the opportunity to coach a winner had not yet passed. The game may simply be played on a different field. At this moment Coach has begun to assemble his team that will bring him that long awaited and well deserved championship.*

*For spiritual leadership Coach will look to Father David and overall guidance will be supplied by Father Hennessey. The running game will be anchored by James MacPherson. James will be asked to deliver tough yards anytime the team needs a critical first down. James will also supply that quiet leadership both on and off the field, so critical for success. Obviously the team is a lot yet complete until many critical holes left to be filled.*

*the football player's in attendance who have been touched by Coach Uteck, please be ready when you are called. He is expecting you to arrive in your best shape ready to compete and eager to earn a place on the team. The games promise to be epic battles and we must be ready to show our best.*

*Coach Uteck's will be the sideline, his hair blowing in the wind, his tie askew, his voice booming encouragement to his players and damnations on the referees. When the clock ticks down to zero the final score will be in Coach Uteck's favor, a long awaited and well deserved championship finally realized.*

*Will he finally rest? Not a chance. Next season is just around the corner and we need to begin to prepare once again, the teaching continues, the journey never completely finished."*

### 2003 - Three-peat?

Although Saint Mary's had many starting players to replace, they began the 2003 season still ranked No. 1. After six games, including a runaway interlocking win over Bishop's, they looked as if they would remain on top of the Canadian heap. Panella was going strong, and another Albertan, A1 Giacalone, had taken over where Dean Jones had left off. Strong new receiver Fraser O'Neill had joined veteran stars Atnas Maeko, Olaf Tomiuk and Mike McPherson. Everything was going well until the new sheriff rolled into town. The Huskies played Laval in their second interlocking game of the year and were crushed 48-8. No one had seen it coming! SMU regrouped enough to finish the regular schedule 7-1, then pulled away in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to beat X 36-12 and win the AUFC title for a record 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. A1 Giacalone almost won the game single-handedly: rushing for 296 yards, a 96 yard punt return and a 65 yard kickoff return - 457 all purpose yards.

Fittingly, the Huskies played in the inaugural Uteck Bowl and had a runaway win over Simon Fraser, 60-9. For all that, no one gave them a chance against Laval in the Varsity Cup game. It turned out that Giacalone had a hip injury and the rest of the offence could

not get untracked. SMU's defence came up big, but it wasn't quite enough: Laval won 14-7 and SMU's streak had ended at two.

Centre Ian Ferguson of Moncton and receiver Mike McPherson of Bedford were among the few fifth year players who had been with Blake Nill for the entire amazing ride.

### **2004 - One More Try**

Saint Mary's was ranked number one in Canada for the first two weeks of the schedule as Panella had two good games in a row. The Huskies squeaked out a close win over the Axemen in Wolfville, followed by an easy victory over the X-men in Halifax. The game with X was the first played on the new and improved artificial turf. The party ended a week later despite the new turf. SMU held a ten-zip lead over Concordia in the first quarter, but didn't score another point after that; Concordia won 29-10. The Huskies had easy wins over soft competition in the next three games to reach number 5 in the rankings, but then had to go on the road to play Laval. It wasn't pretty; Laval won 35-2. The next game was a 25-24 loss to Acadia, so both teams finished the schedule at five and three. Fortunately for SMU, they had the better point spread and finished first, getting a bye into the league final, and the rest certainly helped A1 Giacalone. For the second year in a row, he had a career game in the AUFC final, gaining 301 yards on 31 carries. Saint Mary's defeated Acadia 24-7, to win their sixth consecutive AUFC championship.

SMU had to travel to Saskatoon to play Saskatchewan in the Mitchell Bowl. SMU made a good showing, but came up short, 31-16.

### **The Changing of the Guard...**

It couldn't last forever. Even under Blake Nill, the year had to come when Saint Mary's didn't represent the AUFC in national playoffs - 2005 was that year.

The season began well: Billy Robinson, the new starting quarterback, threw three touchdown passes in the fourth quarter for a comeback win over Acadia, 28-26. Robinson

continued to play well, but SMU lost their next three games, to X, Acadia and Laval. SMU had led Laval 8-2 at the half and Robinson threw for over 300 yards, but still Laval won 27-11. The Huskies stayed ahead of Mount Allison and made it to the league playoff game, but that was as far as it went, as the season ended with a 46-29 loss to the St. Francis Xavier X-men.

Robinson again threw for almost 300 yards, but SMU gained only 79 yards on the ground. With an overall record of 4-5, Blake Nill suffered his only losing season while at Saint Mary's; perhaps that was a sign of what was to come.

The sports headline in the March 1, 2006, *The Journal* read, "Blake Nill Moves On, Legacy Forged". After eight years at Saint Mary's, Nill had decided to return to his home province and take over the Calgary Dinos. He left a record which would be hard to equal: sixty-one wins and just twenty losses, six AUFC championships, and two Vanier Cup wins in three appearances.

Saint Mary's did not have to look far for the new coach. They chose Blake Nill's offensive coordinator Steve Sumarah, the first Maritime-born head coach in AUFC history. SMU fans hoped that Nill had left some of his success behind.

The Huskies had the same record in 2006 as they had in 2005, four wins and five losses. The difference in 2006 was that all the losses, including the inter-locking games, were close; Saint Mary's seemed to be on the way up again.

The first game of the year was a 21-19 loss to X in Antigonish. Robinson threw for 316 yards and two touchdowns. A 30-28 loss to the defending champions, Acadia, followed. Then they lost 13-9 to third-ranked Montreal, despite having three times as many first downs as the Quebec conference team. Newcomer Justin Palardy, from Truro, kicked three field goals for SMU. In an easy win over the Mounties, Robinson threw for three touchdowns. With limited playing time, the "quarterback of the future" Erik Glavic, ran for sixty-four yards. Robinson sat out the next game, against Acadia, after too many digits turned up in the team's digital photo. Glavic

made the best of his chance by completing seventeen passes for 179 yards and running for 122 more. Palardy had four field goals and SMU won 24-21. A week later it was a 34-31 loss to Concordia, in overtime, and the regular season ended with a 32-0 win over the X-men Glavic played most of the final game, completing twelve of eighteen passes for 214 yards and running for fifty-seven (57). Jacques-Olivier Lumbala had 128 yards rushing.

Saint Mary's defeated St EX. by a score of 24-6 in the first round of the playoffs. Glavic started, but was ineffective, so Robinson took over for the rest of the way. The league final was against Acadia in Wolfville, and although the Huskies played well, they lost 32-24, with Robinson closing out his career with a touchdown pass near the end of the game.

### Top Dogs in the Maritimes

The Huskies and their fans were expecting big things in 2007, and they almost attained the highest pinnacle that year. Erik Glavic took the league by storm as no one had since Chris Hynn. The team's only regular season loss was to Laval in Quebec City, 29-22, although Saint Mary's had almost twice as much yardage as Laval in that game. For the season SMU



**Jacques-Olivier Lumbala** many turnovers. X's James Green,

averaged 529 yards and 48 points per game, with Lumbala rushing for over 1000 yards. Allistair Blair had a big year rushing as well, and several receivers put up big numbers: among them were Aaron Racioppa, Carl Hardwick and Fraser O'Neill.

With everyone expecting a walkover, the conference final against the X-men - the Loney Bowl - turned out to be a cliff-hanger. It snowed; it rained; there were

a Halifax native, had a big day. With X leading 24-18 late in the game, Glavic made a dazzling run to the one yard line. Tyler Schussler ran it in on the next play: the outcome was SMU 25-SFXU24.

Then Laval came to town. Everyone was worried, but the SMU defence decided to do something about it. Led by player-of-the-game, Tim St. Pierre, the Huskies stopped Laval cold all afternoon. It began on the very first play from scrimmage when linebacker St. Pierre sacked the Laval quarterback - the crowd was frenzied. Glavic kept it that way by running in a touchdown from the five and then throwing to Hardwick for another. Then Glavic was hit hard on a run up the middle and was sidelined. He came back in to start the second half, but was re-injured and had to leave the game for good. The crowd was hushed, worried about Glavic and SMU's prospects without him; little did they know that he would never play for them again, except ever so briefly at the beginning of 2008. As for the Laval game, backup quarterback Ted Abraham of Bedford handled things conservatively the rest of the way. Palardy had a field goal. Andrew Pao Pao made a one-handed interception and ran it into the end zone. SMU won 24-2.

After the game Steve Sumarah told *The Journal*: "Anytime you can play a team like Laval and not only win but dominate, it's a pretty special day."

Glavic had a serious knee injury that would require surgery, so could not play in the Vanier Cup game. The job fell to Ted Abraham who had played very little other than the game against Laval. "Ted Abraham delivered a gutsy performance, but Manitoba would not be denied . . .", stated the next *The Journal*. Manitoba put intense pressure on Abraham throughout the game, even taking four "roughing the passer" penalties. Despite the pressure, Abraham took the team down the field and gave them an early lead with a touchdown pass to Fraser O'Neill. After another Abraham pass to O'Neill for thirty-eight yards got them in close, it looked as if SMU would increase

its lead. On the next play Abraham was intercepted and the momentum shifted to Manitoba. It was well into the second half and 26-8 for Manitoba before Abraham completed another scoring pass, fourteen yards to Shaun White to bring it to 26-14 for Manitoba, as close as it got that day. With SMU later surrendering a safety, the final score was 28-14. To no one's surprise, Erik Glavic won the Hec Crighton Award.

## 2008-2010

During each of the three following years, Saint Mary's won the AUFC championship, but lost at the next level. Two of the losses were to Erik Glavic and his new team, Blake Nill's Calgary Dinos. Glavic had been on the SMU roster at the start of the 2008 season, and he returned to his old spot just once near the beginning of the season, against Mount A, but left just as quickly. He would never return to the field again to play for Saint Mary's.

The summer of 2008 had seen the passing of Al Keith, another member of Saint Mary's football pantheon gone all too soon. Here is part of Al's obituary.

"KEITH, Allan "Al" - 64, Shelburne. Born in Montreal, Al died unexpectedly, but peacefully, in the Halifax Infirmary, QEH, on Sunday, July 27, 2008, with his wife and partner of 31 years, Mary Lou, by his side throughout. Al was gregarious, always with a big smile and a hearty laugh. He loved people and people loved him. There were few things Al hadn't tried during his full life: university athlete, high school teacher, national championship university football coach, restaurateur, house restorer, innkeeper, wholesale craft manufacturer, local politician and realtor were just some of them. History, gardening, crosswords, golf, reading and cooking were among his favourite things. . . . Heartfelt thanks to the wonderful doctors and nurses in Neurology, the ICU, and the 8.1 Inpatient Unit. Donations may be made to Saint Mary's University, the QEH Foundation, or a charity of your choice . . ."

The 2008 Huskies had three quarterbacks waiting in the wings to take over from Glavic. They gave Ted Abraham a brief look; next was another local guy, Nathan Marsman, who led the team for a few games, but finally they turned to their big recruit of the year, Jack Creighton, son of former NHL player Adam Creighton. Jack was almost as tall as Glavic, but not quite as mobile. He was a good passer. Despite a game of musical quarterbacks, Saint Mary's had a 7-1 season, and went on to beat X in a close game again for the Loney Bowl. The Huskies then went to London, Ontario to play Western for the Mitchell Bowl; it was a respectable showing, but they lost 28-12.

In early January 2009, Glavic announced that he was leaving SMU and heading west.

## **Another Pioneer Travels on ...**

Bob Hayes died on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Paul Puma delivered the eulogy at his memorial service. Here are portions of it:

"On Thursday, June 25, 2009 a meeting chaired by Fr. J. J. Hennessey was held. In attendance were Bob Boucher, Al Keith, Elizabeth Chard, Les Goodwin, Roy Clements, Larry Uteck, and the last to arrive was Bob Hayes. After pleasantries were exchanged, Fr. Hennessey inquired as to why Hayes was so late in arriving. Coach said that he had stopped to visit Don Loney and to remind Don that he had never won a National Championship.

With the passing of Coach Hayes last Thursday the Saint Mary's Community lost yet another champion. Coach Hayes was many things to many of us in this room today and I am sure that we all have our own personal stories and memories of the Coach. These are some of mine. He was more than my football coach. He was my mentor, my role model and my friend. He was there when I arrived at Saint Mary's, as he was when I graduated, when I got married, when my children were

christened, when my wife and I celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, when I retired and when I was inducted into the Sport Hall of Fame last fall. Both myself and Dr. David Murphy lived with the Coach for a year and I also taught at least two of his children....

I was fortunate to play four years of football, injury free, under Coach Hayes. Coach Hayes taught me how to play injured, because the last thing I wanted to have to do was to sit on top the goal posts wearing a yellow chicken shirt.

One day at practice Les Goodwin, one of our assistant coaches and the Men's Basketball coach, was running a strength drill which required the use of two inner tubes and nylon rope. Unfortunately, Coach Goodwin got his wrist tangled in the rope as two burly linemen ran in opposite directions, causing him tremendous discomfort and leaving him with a lifelong rope burn scar. The next day Coach Goodwin showed up at practice with a heavily bandaged wrist and wearing a Yellow Chicken Shirt. I wonder whose idea that was? ...

At meetings of the Royal Canadian Legion an Act of Remembrance is always recited by those in attendance. These words are for me the most memorable, 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.' Coach, on behalf of all us that loved you, 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember you.' Rest in peace."



**Craig Leger**  
**UPDATE: Craig was also**  
**the team MVP during**  
**the 2011-12 season.**

Saint Mary's lost their first game of the 2009 season, then won seven games in a row, including both of their interlocking games. They outscored the opposition 247-95, although several of the games were close at half time. Creighton was the starting quarterback all year, while Joe Doherty and Carl Hardwick had big years as receivers. Justin Palardy was even bigger as a kicker, booming punts and kicking field goals at a rate seldom before seen at Huskies Stadium. For the third year in a row, SMU met SFXU for the Loney Bowl, and for the third year in a row they won in a close game, this time 31-22. Truro's Craig Leger was named player of the game.

Erik Glavic, Blake Nill and the Calgary Dinos came to town for the 2009 Uteck Bowl and the Dinos went to town at Saint Mary's expense. The Huskies' focus was on Glavic, but he was not a big factor in the game. Instead, Calgary rushed for 426 yards, 235 by player of the game Matt Walter; SMU had 350 total yards of their own, but Saint Mary's was intercepted three times, and as a result, Calgary won that game 38-14.

In December 2009, the Atlantic and Quebec conferences agreed to reduce the interlocking schedule to one game per season for the next three years.

The 2010 Huskies saw even more changes at quarterback. Creighton had a tough day in an opening game loss to Acadia, and in the following game against Laval, the more experienced Florida transfer Micah Brown got the nod, but it didn't help much as Saint Mary's not only lost the game

against Laval, but lost again the next week to Mount Allison. Brown finished out the season, although the Huskies first win of the year would not come until their fourth game, against Acadia. However, SMU won the remaining four games to finish first once again. The Loney Bowl game was an easy win over Acadia, but the Mitchell Bowl in Calgary a week later was a big loss, 37-8, as SMU was never really in that game. Glavic *was* a big factor this time, as his career was winding down.

The Huskies lost a big star in 2010 when kicker Justin Palardy went to the CFL. His replacement, Brett Lauther, another Truro native, had a respectable season.

The most exciting and explosive Huskie of 2010 was Jahmeek Taylor. Every kick-off runback was a potential touchdown. Devon Jones and Craig Leger contributed a solid ground game to SMU's attack, despite Saint Mary's almost exclusive use of the shotgun offence which normally de-emphasizes running. Saleem Borhot had another great year as a defensive back to finish his university career, and was taken in the CFL draft by his hometown Edmonton Eskimos.

### Conclusion

From 1960 to 2010, Saint Mary's Huskies were Atlantic football champions twenty-four times, more than twice as often as any other varsity squad. During those years, SMU played in nine Vanier Cup games, winning three of them. Only Western had more Vanier appearances. Only Western, Laval, Queens and Calgary had more wins. The football Huskies played a significant role in putting Saint Mary's on the national map.

In this whirlwind 'history' of football at SMU, we have tried to tell the story of those years, of many of those who were part of the story and some who commented upon it. No doubt

some whose names should have been included have been missed. Perhaps a few of you would have preferred not to see your name here? To paraphrase Cape Breton songwriter Ronnie MacEachern, if we mentioned you, we apologize, and if we didn't mention you, we apologize.



**Maritime Junior Football Trophy, 1956**  
**Rev. Elmer MacGillivray, SJ,**  
**with Don Warner**  
**(immediate left), later**  
**Math & Engineering**  
**Professor at SMU**  
**in the early 60s**  
**onward,**  
**(opposite)**



**Larry Uteck, 1975**  
**... in stadium during his**  
**professional career with**  
**four CFL teams; he won**  
**the Grey Cup with the**  
**Allouettes (1978).**



**Kenny Clarke & Vince**  
**McSweeney, 1973 Vanier Cup**

## A History of Saint Mary's Basketball

Peter Halpin

### Introduction:

I must apologize in advance for not providing an exhaustive, detail-laden, narrative 'history'. There will undoubtedly be instances where readers will be exasperated by perceived gaps and lack of recognition for pivotal events, teams and individuals.

However, how to approach the daunting task of chronicling over 60 years of 'sport history' ultimately came down to letting others tell the story. After all, at its core, history is little more than a series of stories and the interpretation of those stories along with the facts that support them.

The following are some of the stories that I uncovered from those that were 'there', which I hope provide a sense of the evolution of basketball at Saint Mary's from its humble beginnings in the post war years - to - becoming a national powerhouse in the 1970s and serial contender throughout the 90s and the first decade of the new millennium.

How it all began...

In 1947, Jack HaUisey of Englewood, New Jersey, was a 16-year old, first-year science student at Saint Mary's College on Windsor Street.

Hallisey was a high school basketball player trained by the legendary Vincent Lombardi (yes, that Vince Lombardi!). He wanted to continue playing and recruited some of his new classmates (mainly boarders like him) to find a place to play.

**Hallisey:** "We began playing in what was a Navy recreation hall just behind where St. Vincent's Guest Home stands today.

It was a big hall but there was a problem - it had a ten-foot ceiling. We managed to cut out a four-foot space out of the ceiling at either end of the floor to accommodate hoops. All we did that first year was use the rec hall as a place to pass and shoot. We didn't have a coach, so I organized the practices. You couldn't throw a long pass due to of the low ceiling, so we concentrated on a lot of bounce passes.

In 1948, we formed a team and started to play games against the YMCA and the YMHA; we played the Y in a home-and-home series that year."

It was in those formative years that the Saint Mary's basketball tradition was born.

**Hallisey:** In those first two years, Dalhousie wouldn't play us because they didn't think we were good enough. We only had six players: in addition to me, there was Eric Tobin, Don Adams, Gerald Curran, Jim Soy and Arne Patterson. In 1949, Dal finally agreed to play us at the Studley gym... they beat us up badly.

There was another local team in those days called the Black Panthers, coached by Frank Baldwin. They beat us too."

It was through Baldwin that Hallisey was introduced to Basil Carew, a future Saint Mary's player. That introduction, through basketball, led Jack to be introduced to Carew's sister, Ann. With his wife of 53 years Ann at his side, a wry smile crosses Hallisey's face and his eyes sparkle as he recounted the humble beginnings of basketball at Saint Mary's.

**Hallisey:** We weren't very good, there weren't many of us and we didn't have a great gym, but we worked at it and tried hard to compete against the established local teams.

*And, that's how the Saint Mary's basketball tradition began.*

**1950's: the formative years**

In 1952, Saint Mary's evolved from a college to a university.

"At this time Saint Mary's University moved its campus to the former Gorsebrook Golf Course. They were building a gymnasium under the church in the administrative building on Robie Street. In the fall of 1952, (Frank) Baldwin was hired by the Jesuit fathers as their first basketball coach."<sup>1</sup>

In those early years, Baldwin's Saint Mary's teams were almost entirely composed of locals, about whom Baldwin said "We were young and not serious contenders, but we were always competitive."<sup>2</sup>

Among those 'locals' was a standout, multi-sport athlete, Billy Mullane. During his playing days from 1956-59, Mullane was nicknamed "The Shooter" and for good reason.

"In his rookie season he was among the top five scorers in the Intercollegiate league and in a semi-final playoff game against Acadia Axemen, he registered an astonishing 43 points as Billy Mullane's college career was launched toward stardom."<sup>3</sup>

**Bill Mullane:** "I played on the 'B' team at St. Paf's High School, making the 'A' team in my final year. A group of former St. Paf's students tried out for Saint Mary's and we all made the team. At that time the team was comprised entirely locals - no Americans.

We had some standout players such as Brian Ross who averaged twenty points per game, and George Leitch (George was a great athlete; he was also quarterback of the football team)

Frank Baldwin was the coach and he used a 'run-and-gun' style that suited us well. In '56-'57 we had a good team; we didn't win

the championship, but I do recall defeating Dalhousie in our first game at Studley gym That meant a lot because Dal primarily consisted of players from QEH, our former high school rivals.

We jelled as a team. Brian Ross and I did most of the scoring; Robin Falconer was a strong rebounder and George Leitch and Baz Carew made up a strong back court. That year we lost to Acadia in a three-game championship series.

1958-59 was our big year. Frank recruited the first American player to Saint Mary's, John Riley. He made a difference. We finished first in the league, but lost to X in the championship.

Frank decided to enter our team in the Canadian Junior Championships. Unfortunately, we didn't do too well. We played a team from Hamilton that used a zone defense against us and we didn't make a shot".

So, how did Bill Mullane become known as "The Shooter"?



**Bill Mullane, flying high in heavy traffic en route to the basket.**

**Bill Mullane:** "In one of the early games of the season in my first year, I scored about twenty points. Johnny Fortunato (a Boston native; contemporary of Bob Cousy; a baseball and basketball referee and member of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame) was officiating that game. I don't think he had seen me play before... and after the game stated, "that kid is a shooter" The name stuck for the rest of my **Paying** days."

1., 2. *Life is a Ball! 50 Years of Nova Scotia Sport*, Bob Douglas, Basketball, page 247.  
3. Saint Mary's University, Department of Athletics and Recreation, Hail of Fame, Bill Mullane

I loved my time at Saint Mary's - it was a great experience. We had good teams and we played everyday ... I loved the camaraderie."

His greatest memory?

**Bill Mullane:** "Beating Dal in all three years that I played was the highlight for me!

"The composition of the Huskies changed radically during the late '50's. According to Baldwin, 'We recruited students in those days to fill the dorms. If the recruits could play basketball, so much the better. It was so cheap in those days for American kids to come here, it was almost like getting a scholarship. And because Saint Mary's was a Jesuit school, it was more enticing for Catholic kids from New England.'"<sup>4</sup>

Arguably one of the most outstanding players ever recruited for Saint Mary's basketball was Bob Lahey of Lewiston, Maine.



**Bob Lahey, original sketch, likely by Barbara Dorey.**

"Lahey was quick and exciting and could shoot a basketball just about better than anyone ... and the best player I have ever coached."<sup>5</sup>

Jack (Oacky-John) Lucier, a native of Lowell, Massachusetts, was Lahey's teammate, describing him "as the most talented guy I ever played with".

**Jack Lucier:** "He was ten-years ahead of his time. His ball handling, passing

and shooting skills were exceptional. He had sixty-one (61) points against Dal and didn't play the fourth quarter ... perhaps that gives you some idea how good he was.

One of my best (and funniest) memories of Bob was the last game of our season against St. Dunstan's (now UPEI). We had written an exam that morning and

decided to celebrate by heading to the tavern around 11:30 in the morning and didn't leave until 6:30 PM. Tip off was at 7:30; I didn't make the game. Lahey scored fifty points in a 102-100 overtime win! Harris Sullivan (a local sportscaster) named Bob "Hero of the Day" after that performance.

There is an age-old question among both Huskies fans and players from the 60s and 70s - who was the greatest Saint Mary's scorer ever - Bob Lahey or Mickey Fox?

**Jack Lucier:** "Well, I had the privilege of playing with Bob and I saw many of Mick's games. It's a debatable point; they both could shoot the ball and virtually score at will."

Huskies basketball took a turn in 1965 with the arrival of New Jersey native Les Goodwin<sup>6</sup>, who replaced Frank Baldwin as head coach of the Huskies. Coach Goodwin arrived at Saint Mary's following a highly distinguished coaching career in the New Jersey high school system with the reputation of being one of the "winningest basketball coaches in the U.S."



**Jack Lucier, at a reunion**

4. *Life is a Ball! 50 Years of Nova Scotia Sport*, Bob Douglas, Basketball, page 248.
5. *Life is a Ball! 50 Years of Nova Scotia Sport*, Bob Douglas, Frank Baldwin, page 248.
6. Saint Mary's University,, Sport Hall of Fame, Builder's Profile

Saint Mary's basketball flourished under Coach Goodwin who used his extensive contacts in his native New Jersey to recruit some outstanding student-athletes for Saint Mary's. From 1966-70, Saint Mary's won over seventy percent of its games, compiling one of the best won-lost records in the conference.

Mick Ryan was one of only four Canadians on the 1965 edition of the Huskies. In addition to Ryan, still known in local basketball circles as the 'Hardwood Warrior', other locals who were part of that team included Bruce Duffy, Don Harris and Brent Sabean.

**Mick Ryan:** "By Christmas that season, there were only three local players on the team, the rest had been recruited from New Jersey by coach Les Goodwin. We had some pretty good American players, including Jim Daniels, Rick and John Doherty, and Mike Van Aucken. Les Goodwin and Dick MacLean were our coaches... we did an awful lot of running in those practices.

One of my greatest memories of that season was a Christmas tournament we played at Providence College in Rhode Island. For



**Les Goodwin and Dick MacLean with their first-ever Trophy, in McNally foyer**

some reason (I assumed it was cost-related.) I was the only Canadian who made the trip from Nova Scotia. We had eight players for the tournament, seven players from New Jersey and me. When the team was introduced and it was announced that I was from Nova Scotia, I got a standing ovation!"

Ryan's memories of his time with the Huskies are punctuated (literally) by some rough and tumble games against long-time Saint Mary's rivals: Acadia and Dalhousie.

**Mick Ryan:** "We played Dal in the Lobster Trap game at the Studley gym. The game ended in a melee. We had a football player by the name of Rick Minicello on the team; somehow he managed to knock out a Dalhousie cheerleader during the scuffle.

In a game at Acadia, one section of the stands was filled with football players. One guy in particular was heckling Joe O'Reilly the entire game, he wouldn't let up.

Goody (Les Goodwin) called a time-out toward the end of the game (we were winning at that point). Joe called me aside and told me to run just past centre and take a couple of steps to the right and he would pass me the ball. It wasn't one of our regular plays, but I did what he asked me to do.

We came down the floor; I took a couple of steps to the right as directed. Joe passed me the ball and the next thing I knew he cut left and dove into the stands up to about the third row and jumped the heckler. Fists and feet were flying; all hell broke loose in the stands among fans and players. It was quite an ending to the game!"

His biggest disappointment: losing the 1966-67 championship game to UNB.

**Mick Ryan:** "We played UNB in the championship game at Mount Allison. The two refs were from New Brunswick. They were awful. UNB had a very good team led by Dave Nutbrown and Rick Cotter, but the referees really put the game out of reach. At the end of the game, Goody went berserk and chased after the refs. Even Mrs. Goodwin, usually very quiet and reserved joined in. It was another pretty wild scene."

In many ways, 1967-68 should be looked upon as the watershed year for Saint Mary's basketball. Coach Les Goodwin, at that time one of the leading coaches in North America (his combined coaching record of high school in New Jersey and at SMU was 627 wins and 264 losses), recruited a 'big man' out of his home state of New Jersey. Six foot eight inch A1 Brown was a natural

improved upon Coach Baldwin's magic. Fastbreakbasketball was born and a tradition to build upon was firmly established."

A final word about the 1967-1968 CIAU tournament:

**Dennis Reardon:** "Yes, we lost to Waterloo Lutheran by 66-61, but we went further than anyone expected. Looking back, it still hurts, but I believe it set the stage for development and progress for the SMU Varsity basketball programs that followed. It was a legacy of pride and a tradition to be met and this has been the continuing experience at Saint Mary's. I firmly believe that the 1967-68 varsity basketball Huskies were "the bridge" between the birth of basketball at SMU and the national prominence the program has had ever since under the guidance of such great coaches as Brian Heaney and Ross Quackenbush".

Al Brown<sup>7</sup>, a native of Linden, N.J., as noted in the preceding paragraphs, set numerous rebounding records during his career at Saint Mary's. He won two league rebounding championships in 1968 and 1969; he was all-conference in 1968, '69 and '70; in 1968 he was the first player to make the CIAU all-tournament team; he is the second all-time rebounder in conference history (15.6); in 1968 he set a single season school record of 16.4 rebounds per game and in 1968 he established the CIAU single game rebound record with twenty-four against the University of Western Ontario - a record that still stands today! Al Brown was inducted into the SMU Sport Hall of Fame in 2011.

**Al Brown:** "I loved to play and I was searching for an opportunity to compete; Coach Goodwin gave me that chance. I loved Halifax as soon as I arrived. People were friendly and really made me feel welcome in the city, plus it was beautiful place.

Every year I played (from 1968-1971) we were always underrated; no one seemed to expect much from us. Dalhousie was

7. Al Brown also wrote a humorous 'Memory' related to his time at SMU and of living in Halifax, which is located on pp080-85 of this publication. An excerpt of his 'memory' was recently published in *Atlantic Books Today* (Sept 7, 2012) [Ed.]



**Dennis Reardon with Coach Goodwin at graduation.**

rebounder who would go on to set numerous school, league and national records for his prowess on the boards.

Also, joining the Huskies that year was a slender, six-foot four-inch shooting forward from Hamilton, Ontario by the name of Dermis Reardon. Employing the run-and-gun, up-tempo fast break style of play that would become a Huskies trademark in the late 60s, Coach Goodwin led his charges to the university's first league championship in 1967-68.

The 1967-68 Huskies were:

- The first Saint Mary's team to win the conference championship
- The first Saint Mary's team to participate in the CIAU national championship tournament
- The first Saint Mary's team to make the CIAU national championship game

The fast breaking Huskies, led by all-tournament player Al Brown, lost the national final to a strong Waterloo Lutheran University 66-61.

**Dennis Reardon:** "Coach Frank Baldwin, Nova Scotia's "Mr. Basketball", created Huskies basketball prior to Coach Goodwin's arrival in 1963. As must always be the case, the 'Goodwin era'



**A1 Brown, circa 1969  
... in warm-up attire**

considered a real contender and Acadia was nationally ranked. When we won, we were always considered an upset winner.

In 1968, we finished in a three-way tie with Acadia and Dalhousie. We beat Dal at Acadia in the league championship and we advanced to the national championship tournament hosted by St. F. X. in Antigonish.

We opened the tournament against Western, who was heavily favoured to win the tournament. We were down by ten at the half but came out in the second half and scored twenty-four consecutive unanswered points. That was a big game

for me, setting a single game record for rebounds (24). We weren't the deepest team, but we played with a lot of heart and never quit.

We faced Waterloo Lutheran in the national championship. We didn't know at the time but Joe O'Reilly, who was our leading scorer, played with a broken hand. We lost by five; that was a heart breaker and I've never forgotten that loss."

The author's first exposure to Saint Mary's basketball was at the national championship tournament at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, in 1970.

**Peter Halpin:** "I was from Toronto, in grade thirteen and thinking about where I might go to university and hopefully play basketball. I had only seen a few Canadian university games at U of T when they played the University of Windsor, a top national contender at the time.

My coaches took a high school teammate and I to McMaster to see a couple of games in the national tournament. The



**Peter Halpin and Father Hennessey**

first game was Saint Mary's (at the time a team I had never heard of) and the UBC Thunderbirds, who had a national profile.

I will never forget Saint Mary's. First, I had never seen a Canadian university team with black players. At the time Saint Mary's was a fully integrated

team with almost as many blacks as whites in the lineup. They all wore low black 'cons', which I thought looked very cool. They also wore a jersey-type top with sleeves, the same as those worn by Texas Western University who had won the NCAA championship in 1966 with an all-black team, a first in NCAA history.

I also remember that Saint Mary's had this big man (A1 Brown) who was a very dominant rebounder. They lost to UBC but I never forgot the impression the team made on me. I liked the way they looked. Little did I think at the time that two short years later, I would wear the maroon and white of Saint Mary's."

**A1 Brown:** "We are up by three at the half over UBC but we just came apart in the second half. Then we lost to Loyola in the next game; we just came out flat.

I still get excited thinking about that team. Coach Goodwin had a great system, which included fast break basketball and full court pressure defense. We were a high scoring team that loved to run. We scored a lot points and had some

great individual players, such as Joe O'Reilly, Jim Daniels and Billy Thomas. Half our team was from the States, so when we went to play at schools such as Mount Allison and UNB, there was a lot of 'Yankee go home' sentiment from local fans, but that only motivated us to play harder."

Our goal was to win the national championship that season, so to lose those two games at the national championship was a huge disappointment to me."

### **The 1970s: Saint Mary's becomes a national powerhouse**

The 1971-72 season marked the arrival of former Acadia great Brian Heaney as the new head coach of the Huskies. Heaney took over from the recently retired Les Goodwin and immediately undertook a complete makeover of the team left to him by Coach Goodwin.

Heaney arrived on the south-end campus with a huge reputation. He was Acadia's all-time greatest player and scorer, leading the Axemen to a national championship as a rookie in 1965.

As if that wasn't enough, he had recently completed a brief professional career with two years in the old Eastern Pro League, culminating with a brief stint with the NBA's Baltimore Bullets. Heaney was the stuff of legends. He barely made his high school team in New York City and was the first Canadian university trained player to make the NBA - an incredible achievement!

Barely older than the players he had inherited from Coach Goodwin and only a few years senior than the players he brought with him, Heaney immediately made his presence felt. It was out with the old and in with the new. Coach Heaney recruited four players fresh out of high school in his native New York and then added a few more American and Canadian university transfers.



**Brian Heaney, coach, with team captain,  
John Gallinaugh, holding the McGee Trophy**

**Peter Halpin:** "I will never forget our very first practice. We couldn't use the Saint Mary's gym, so we went to Cornwallis Junior High School. Coach Heaney lined up everyone along the side line: a bunch of nervous rookies and second year players new to the program, plus a group of older, wise-cracking, skeptical veterans from the Goodwin era. Mike Chambers was a senior and had actually competed against Heaney when he was at Acadia.

The first thing Heaney did once everyone lined up was stand in-front of the players with assistant coach Jimmy Moore (also from New York and Acadia) and screamed, "This is not a democracy, this is a dictatorship!" He then smashed his whistle on the floor. The Heaney era had begun."

For the next four weeks, those trying out for the team did not touch a basketball. Heaney quickly earned a reputation on campus as a stern, no-nonsense task-master.

"Everyday we assembled on the football field, then began our warm-up by running from there down and around Point Pleasant Park and back. Of course, many of the vets knew their way around the Park and took short cuts; the rest of us did what we were told. The workouts on the football field became a campus spectator sport, especially for the football and hockey players - no one could believe what Heaney put us through.

We ran the Park; we ran wind sprints; we did defensive stance drills the length of the football field over and over, followed by endless runs up and down the stadium steps. There were push-ups, sit-ups, jumping jacks - it was absolutely punishing.

However, there was a method to his madness. Only three veteran players remained (co-captains Ray Venema and Mike Chambers and sophomore Jim Brock) - all the new recruits stuck it out."

The 1971-72 Huskies weren't that good; they finished third in the league but a few things were very firmly established. Heaney was unbelievably competitive and immediately proved he to be an excellent motivator and skills development coach. John Gallinaugh, a second year point guard from Heaney's old neighbourhood of Rockaway Beach, in New York City, quickly became the best pure point guard in the league, if not in the country and its toughest, take-no-prisoners competitor, while Mickey Fox very quickly emerged as a great shooter and incredible scorer.

The stage was now set for greatness.

With his rookie season as coach now behind him, Heaney spent the off-season in an all-out recruiting effort. He brought in seven high school recruits all from the New Jersey -New York area to complement five players back from the '71-72 squad.

The prize recruit was a six foot-five jumping jack from Newark, New Jersey, Lee Thomas. Much like A1 Brown, Thomas was a bespectacled physical specimen. He was incredibly quick off his feet and was an intimidating force to be reckoned with due to his rebounding and shot-blocking prowess. However his greatest attribute was his will to win; he had the heart of a lion!

Thomas had been recruited by a few NCAA Division One schools in the Northeast, but was likely viewed by many as the classic 'in-betweenner': not big enough to play the centre or power forward spot and perhaps not having the ball handling or shooting skills required for the small forward or back court positions.

**Lee Thomas:** "It was an exdtingtimeforme. Coming to Saint Mary's was a totally new experience. Hailing from Newark, Nova Scotia was a completely different environment for me. You could feel that Halifax was a city with a good fan base that became excited about college basketball.



**Lee Thomas, going up for the rebound.**

We had a very good team. Mickey Fox was an excellent shooter and John Gallinaugh was a great point guard; he knew how to get you the ball, putting you in the best position to score. Practices were intense and I think our team was a reflection of the coach: tough practices with great intensity that carried over into the games."

Veteran sports broadcaster and reporter Alex J. Walling arrived on the Halifax sports scene in 1972 as Sports Director of radio station CHNS and CHFX.

A. J. Walling: I had never been to a university basketball game in my entire life, so decided to take in a pre-season game down at Acadia between the Axemen and the Huskies. It was a great game that the Axemen won in the closing seconds.

After the game, I went to the Saint Mary's locker room to talk to Heaney and Mickey Fox to get their impressions of the game. Heaney barred me from the dressing room and told me in no uncertain terms that he did not do interviews after a loss.

I told him in no uncertain terms that I represented two of the four radio stations in the Halifax market and my policy was that he either would speak to me after every game - win or lose - or not at all.

He reluctantly agreed to be interviewed and also allowed me have a conversation with Fox. The one thing that Heaney shared with me that I have never forgotten was his comment that "he expected to be in Waterloo at the end of the season playing for the national championship."

The '72-73 Huskies fought their way to a 22-8 season record, culminating with a 64-54 AIBC championship win over Acadia in Wolfville.

The big three' of Fox, Gallinaugh and Thomas dominated the league, with all being named to the all-conference first team. Fox was the AIBC scoring champion (20.5 ppg); Thomas was

the rebounding champion (14.5 avg. per game) and Gallinaugh set a league field goal percentage record (60.3%).

As per Coach Heaney's pre-season prediction, the Huskies were on their way to Waterloo to play for a C.I.A.U national championship.

Alex J. Walling: "I was the only sports broadcaster from Halifax to make the trip to Waterloo, but Tom Peters from the *Chronicle-Herald* was also there.

I'll never forget my drive from the Toronto airport to Waterloo: as I timed in radio station CHYM from Kitchener-Waterloo, Sportscaster Don Cameron made the following predictions: 'Waterloo will take care of Lakehead and Windsor will have no problem with the fishermen from Saint Mary's.' "

The rest is history. Lakehead took care of the home team, Waterloo Warriors and the Huskies prevailed over the Windsor Lancers in a dramatic overtime win.

John Gallinaugh was the Huskies captain and undisputed leader on and off the court. Gallinaugh hit the shot that tied the game against Windsor with nine seconds remaining in regulation time.

John Gallinaugh: "They hadn't stopped Mick the whole game and when we got down to crunch time, they were completely focused on Mick - they did not want him to get the ball. I was trying my best to get him the ball because he was our scorer and go-to guy. They had him locked up pretty good and didn't pay too much attention to me even though I had the ball. So, they gave me the opening and I took a whirl dribble to get rid of my man and let the shot go."

A. J. Walling: "That final game between Saint Mary's and Lakehead University was a watershed event for CIAU basketball; as I recall, perhaps nine of the ten starters on the floor were American." (The only two Canadian players on the Huskies squad were Greig Redding from Lockeport, N.S., and Toronto native Peter Halpin.) The Huskies made a second half

run to defeat Lakehead 79-67 for the championship - the first national title<sup>8</sup> in any inter-collegiate sport for Saint Mary's.

John Gallinaugh: "We were down by about six at the half. Coach Heaney took me aside on the way into the locker room He asked me if I thought we needed to change anything. I told him that we didn't need to change a thing - Lakehead was playing over their heads and if we continued to do what we were doing, we would win He listened and we didn't change a thing at the half."

Again, it was the big three of Fox, Gallinaugh and Thomas who led the way. Fox set a tournament record of seventy-one points in the two games, thirty-nine of which came in the championship game. All three were named to the All-tournament team and Fox was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.



John Gallinaugh

Donald Taps' Gallagher: "I tell people all the time that Mickey and I combined for forty-one (41) points in the national championship game; he scored thirty-nine (39) and I got two."

Coach Brian Heaney was named CIAU coach-of-the-year.

'He built the Huskies program carefully and quickly - and by the spring of 1973 delivered Saint Mary's first ever national championship, while being chosen by his peers across the nation as CIAU Coach-of-the-Year. He also became the first coach to win a national title as both a player and coach.'<sup>9</sup>

Brian Heaney: "I feel very honoured - honoured because the selection was made by my colleagues and as it is the first time it has ever been awarded".

8. A full team photo, with names of the first ever national championship team from Saint Mary's is located near the conclusion of this publication on page 265.

John Gallinaugh: "Winning the national championship was the highlight of my basketball career. We had a pretty tight team, so winning together has made that bond even tighter and more special. Winning that championship has made us friends for life".

Lee Thomas: "From the very beginning I expected to be on top; we trained to be winners and we were prepared to win. Winning was our expectation; losing was never an option for consideration."

Upon their triumphant return, the championship Huskies were met at the Halifax Airport by a throng of Saint Mary's supporters, including Mayor Walter Fitzgerald and University President, Dr. Owen Carrigan. A triumphant procession of players and supporters made their way back to the south-end campus where an even larger gathering of students and staff were on hand to greet the Huskies in their championship moment.

Peter Halpin: "It was a very emotional moment. Saint Mary's was a very close-knit community. We were friends with everybody, students and staff, and everyone supported the team. I think it was that moment in the residence cafeteria where the enormity of what we had achieved as a team and a school really hit home for each of us. It was one of those once-in-a-lifetime memorable moments. We were pretty emotional with the tremendous outpouring of joy from everyone.

Of his three national championship squads, the 1973 aggregation was his favourite.

Brian Heaney: "First, it was Saint Mary's first national title and that's always special, and second, it was a team laden with virtual high school players, kids only 17 and 18 years old - Lee Thomas, Fred Perry and Greig Redding were all freshmen (Editors note: Greig Redding of Lockeport, NS, was actually a sophomore that season) while John Gallinaugh and Mickey Fox were sophomores (Editors' note: John Gallinaugh was actually a

9. Saint Mary's University, Sports Hall of Fame, Brian Heaney Profile

10. *Canadian Press*, Heaney: Coach-of-the-Year

junior that season). Those first-and-second year players were able to unseat a dynasty under difficult conditions: we tied Acadia for the conference championship and had to win a playoff game in front of a hostile crowd; then we went to Ontario and beat Windsor in over-time, followed by a win over a strong Lakehead squad for the title."

Heaney summed it up, "Looking at the youth of the team in 1973 - and the fact that the conference championship played at Acadia before a packed house - then travel to Ontario and come back with the title - that was something the other two squads (1978 and 1979) couldn't top. "u

Thirty-eight years later, Coach Heaney still has strong feelings about the '73 team (his first national championship winning squad).

**Brian Heaney:** "The '73 team was the most tenacious team defensively that I had ever coached. They turned the ferocity of a defensive effort into explosive offensive runs. The players had great determination and resolve and collectively had a mental toughness in the pressure of competition that just wore teams down. That team as a unit had the heart of a champion - they battled you on every possession."

In 1973-74, the reigning national champions returned, everyone with the exception of Brian Burgess. Burgess was an outstanding athlete who decided to focus on football. In 1973, Burgess had played on the national championship basketball and football teams.

Coach Heaney recruited two new players to bolster the '73 squad: Willie Follette (a Dawson College transfer) from Montreal and Rick Millard (the number one high school player in the province) from Liverpool, N.S.

The number one nationally ranked Huskies again had a powerhouse team that made their way to the national championship game in Waterloo only to lose to the University

11. *Life is a Ball, 50 Years of Nova Scotia Sport*, Bob Douglas, Brian Heaney, p. 287

of Guelph in a heart-breaking one-point loss. It was the only game in Mickey Fox's storied career in which he fouled out.

1978 was a penultimate year for the Brian Heaney-led Huskies. Once again proving to be a master recruiter, Coach Heaney put together a formidable team - lots of size and experience.

Ross Quackenbush, the current and longest serving head basketball coach at Saint Mary's, was a member of that team. 'Quack' had played two years at Mount Allison; returned to his hometown of Toronto for a year and then returned to the Maritimes and suited up with the local Senior 'A' Budget Raiders for a season before returning to the university ranks.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "We weren't as dominant during the regular season as expected (144), splitting our games with Acadia and 'X'.

We had a lot of players new to Saint Mary's and the program: John Brown was a fifth year transfer from University of Alabama at Birmingham; Ron McFarlane from Connecticut; Tom Kappos and Mark Vickers from UPEI and myself plus second year players such as Rick Plato."

Rick Plato was hot-shooting backcourt high school star from Ridgeway, Ontario, who arrived at Saint Mary's in 1976. In reminiscing about the '78 squad, Plato had this to say:

**Rick Plato:** "The only returnees from the previous team were Frankie White and me. Heaney hit the recruiting bonanza that year, getting all the top high school players out of Ontario. He obtained 6'-11" Roger Tustanoff; Derek Lewis and Mike Salomon from the Ontario champion Oakwood Collegiate team, and Ronnie Blommers out of Chatham.

He recruited Ron 'Hawk' McFarlane out of Ansonia, Connecticut. Tom Kappos and Mark Vickers had both transfers from UPEI; he picked up 'Quack' from Budget and big John Brown from UAB.

We had lots of talent; we had size and we had depth. Our second-string was almost as good as the first-string players: Brown, Quackenbush, McFarlane, White and Kappos.

The first guys off the bench were me, Blommers and Lewie (Derek Lewis)".

**Ross Quackenbush:** "Initially, we weren't the most cohesive unit but things came together for us at the right time. One thing that really distinguished us from most teams in the country was our size. We were 6'-10", 6'-8" and 6'-7" across the front court with two 6'-4" players in the back court."

Saint Mary's lost to 'X' in the conference semi-final game but made it into the National Championships as the 'host' team.

**Rick Plato:** "We probably shouldn't have been in the national tournament; we had lost to Acadia by thirty points the week before in the conference championships".

The Huskies upset Manitoba (the tournament's top seed) by one in the opening round and the University of Victoria by three in the first two rounds of the tournament, setting themselves up for a local promoter's dream match up with the Acadia Axemen in the national championship game in the newly opened Halifax Metro Centre.

The Saint Mary's - Acadia match up in 1978 for the national championship at the Metro Centre was a game of historic proportions. The game was a total sellout (11,500) and remains so to this day, the largest crowd ever to watch a CIAU/CIS men's national championship game. To be expected, it was a wildly partisan crowd, equally split between the ardent fans of both the Huskies and the Axemen. School pride was on the line and, of course, local bragging rights.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "Just before tip-off, Father Hennessey led coach Heaney and Acadia coach Dick Hunt out to centre court.

He raised both their hands in championship triumph. It was an electric moment; the building erupted!

It was a game of phenomenal shooting: Mike Hazard was lighting it up for Acadia and Ron McFarlane was really hot for us."

**Rick Plato:** "It was a shoot-out. It was payback time for us because Acadia had embarrassed us the week before. Hawk was just amazing and that was before the three-point line came into play. Near the end of the game, John Brown had a thunderous dunk over Victor Soares (Acadia's equally big post player). He nearly tore the rim off, the whole backboard was shaking - the crowd went wild.<sup>12</sup>

In the end, the difference came down to the difference in the play of the guards. Acadia's hot shooting point guard had a so-so game, but McFarlane (named tournament MVP) had a career game, scoring thirty-eight (38) points."

The final score 98-92 is a testament to Plato's and Quackenbush's memory of the game.

**Brian Heaney:** "The '78 team had as much talent as any Huskies team ever. The front court size and depth on the bench dominated the rebounding game and the versatility, size and scoring ability of the back court players were amongst the best ever at Saint Mary's. As a team they broke eight all-time records for the season; the size and strength of the players on the roster were a huge asset in the intimidation of any opponent they came up against."

When Brian Heaney arrived at Saint Mary's his reputation as one of Canada's all-time great collegians preceded him. It didn't take long for him to build his reputation as a great recruiter and coach, but it was his hard work at marketing

12. A team sketch and short biographies with names, of the 1977-78 national championship team from Saint Mary's may be found in the Team Hall of Fame write-ups on pages \_\_\_\_\_. A photo is also located on page \_\_\_\_\_.

and promoting university basketball as a big-time fan experience that led to the record breaking 1978 CIAU national championship game. Nothing has come even close to equaling that game or atmosphere in the history of Canadian university sports!

Never one to rest on his laurels, Coach Heaney immediately began planning on adding even more strength to that 1978 national championship team

The list of 'new' recruits was led by none other than Mickey Fox, who had graduated with his first degree in 1975. Fox decided to return to Saint Mary's to pursue a Bachelor of Education degree and perhaps to re-daim his former glory as the Huskies scoring leader from the early 70s.

**Mickey Fox:** "Returning to Saint Mary's for my fifth year was a great opportunity for me. First, since my graduation in 1975, I had been unsuccessful in obtaining Landed Immigrant status as I really wanted to stay in Nova Scotia. I knew I could get a student visa and just hoped that over the course of the year, I might succeed in becoming a Landed Immigrant. In addition, the Huskies were defending national champs and had a target on their backs. Repeating as a national champion is really difficult, but I was up for that challenge. The opportunity to repeat was a great incentive!"

Heaney added two impressive fifth-year transfers: Kevin Wood, a smooth shooting point guard from NCAA division two Randolph Macon University in Virginia and 'jumping jack' Percy Davis<sup>13</sup> from the division one University of Rhode Island Rams. Coach Heaney never overlooked top Maritime talent and secured Fredericton High School's Jeff Gourlay, who was the top graduating high school player in the Maritimes.

Most observers of Huskies basketball over the decades are quick to acknowledge that the 1979 Huskies were the best team ever to wear

the maroon and white. The Huskies boasted five very experienced fifth-year seniors: Mickey Fox, Ross Quackenbush, Percy Davis, Kevin Wood and Tom Kappos plus a highly skilled and experienced bench with players such as Rick Plato, Ron Blommers and Derek Lewis.

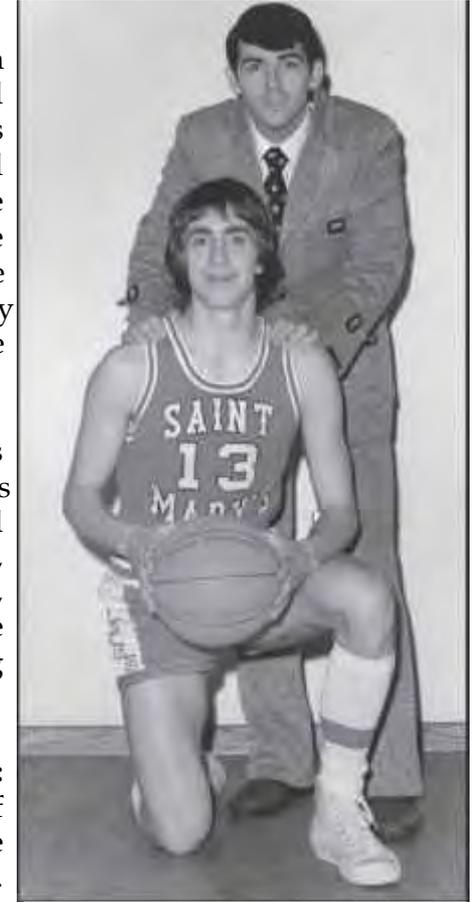
**Mickey Fox:** "That team was very special. We had really experienced players but everyone was prepared to accept their role to make the team succeed. Guys like Ronnie Blommers, who came off the bench, would probably have been an AU-Canadian if he had been at any other school"

Despite their record as defending national champs and their strengthened roster, the Huskies, somewhat amazingly, were not ranked the nation's top team heading into the regular season.

**Ross Quackenbush:**

The team had a lot of maturity and experience and a high basketball IQ. It was a tighter team than in '78 with better

chemistry, cohesiveness and consistency. As good as the '78 team was, there was certain degree of randomness to our play. The '79 team had a more professional, business-like approach.



Mickey Fox & Brian Heamy

13. **Author's Note:** Tragically, Percy Davis, passed away in 2011 at the age of fifty-five (55).

We were very focused on execution and performance and we had a very strong sense of purpose - a sense of what was going to happen. We were simply very good and very dominant."



**Ross Quackenbush**

**Rick Plato:** "It was an amazing team. Think about it: Mick and Woody (Kevin Wood) were both first team All-Canadians and Quack and Kap (Tom Kappos) were both members of Canada's national team. Then add Percy, a high wire act who could jump out of the gym!

We only lost two games in Canada all season; once to UVic (it was the Huskies eleventh straight game in an eleven-day road trip) and a one-point loss to St. F. X. in the Metro Centre. We beat division one teams, mcludmg Boston CoUege St

Joseph's, and we only lost to Villanova by one in their home court in Philly.

To give you a sense of our firepower, we beat Dalhousie in the Metro Centre 133-76 and that was prior to the three-point line! We had so much talent, so Heaney kept it simple. He let guys play and in many games, Mick simply took over and scored at will."

The Huskies also played Duke University in a match-up of defending national championship teams.

**Rick Plato:** "We were somewhat overwhelmed by Duke, losing 101-69. They had a lot of size and talent. The game didn't quite live up to hype of the battle of national champions, but it was a great experience."

The Huskies entered the conference tournament as strong favourites ... and didn't disappoint.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "There were high expectations of our team and we lived up to them. Woody totally controlled the conference championship game from the point. He was the league MVP and he, Percy and Mick were all first-team all-conference which I believe remains an unprecedented achievement."

The Huskies were on their way to Calgary's Saddle Dome to defend their national championship. Saint Mary's beat the University of Windsor 110-95 in the opening round and then disposed of the number one ranked York in the semi-finals.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "The national championship was almost anti-climatic. The Saddle Dome simply didn't compare to the Metro Centre experience."

Behind the sharp shooting of Mickey Fox, the tournament MVP (thirty-nine points in that championship game), the Huskies disposed of the University of Victoria in the national final.<sup>14</sup>

**Rick Plato:** "Mick was awesome; he shot the lights out; they simply could not stop him. It was great winning again in Calgary but it didn't compare to the experience of winning at the Metro Centre in '78. There was simply no comparison in atmosphere."

**Mickey Fox:** "The national championships in Calgary had to be the most competitive field I've seen at any CIAU championship. There were eight strong teams with a lot of fifth-year players. I still think it had to be one of the highest quality CIAU tournaments ever.

**Brian Heaney:** "They had great chemistry and composure as a unit. They could win on the road under the most adverse

14. A full team photo, with names, of the 1978-79 national championship team from Saint Mary's is located just prior to the Appendices on page 269 .A sketch by Barbara Dorey of this hall of fame team is also located in the SMU Sport Hall of Fame Team section on page 67.

circumstances. There was enough size in the front court to rebound with anyone and blazing speed in the back court to press and run the opposition end line to end line.

They reset virtually every school record, scored over 100 points sixteen times, won thirty-six games, losing only two in Canada and averaging 96 points per game for the season en route to the National Championship."

Under Heaney's leadership, the 1970s remain an unparalleled era in the history of Huskies basketball. Beginning with the school's first national championship in 1973, the Huskies became a national powerhouse winning national titles again in '78 and '79.

The '74 team were CIAU national finalists, while the '75 team won the AUAA championship and finished 2-1 at the nationals, winning the consolation bracket. The '76 team won the AUAA championship and again were national finalists.

**Brian Heaney:** "Between 1973 and 1979, we participated in seven national tournaments compiling a record of 13 - 4 in CIAU tournament play, dominating the decade."

**Mickey Fox:** "I feel very fortunate to have played at both the beginning and end of the decade. When I arrived, college basketball really started to come into its own as a big spectator sport in Nova Scotia. In '72-'73 our games against Acadia filled the Halifax Forum to capacity (5,000). By 1979 we played regularly in the Metro Centre, averaging five-to-six thousand fans a game. It was a great time to play university basketball in Nova Scotia."

The 1979 national championship season was Heaney's last at Saint Mary's. In eight short years, he molded the Huskies into the most formidable team in Canadian university basketball and established his coaching and promotional bona fides. The lure of the rapidly growing economic power of Alberta was too much to resist as Heaney departed Halifax and Saint Mary's for the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

As the Huskies basketball entered the '80's, expectations of the team being a perennial national championship contender were higher than ever. Gary Heald, the head coach of the UPEI Panthers was lured off the Island and was named the new head coach of the Huskies in 1980. A Maine native, Coach Heald had established a reputation as a top recruiter of strong talent for UPEI. Two of his early recruits, Tom Kappos and Mark Vickers, both from Montreal, played two years under Heald at UPEI before transferring to Saint Mary's.

Kappos, of course, went on to become a key player in the Huskies national championship teams in '78 and '79.

The Huskies reign as national contenders waned under Heald's leadership and the university suffered the ultimate embarrassment in 1983-84 when it withdrew the team from a regional tournament due to an ineligible player.

Heald was relieved of his duties and inexperienced Halifax native Allan Way e was hired as part-time head coach (much to the dismay of those associated with the Huskies glory days during the 70s)

In an attempt to restore the integrity of the program and reflective of Coach Waye's non-existent recruiting network in player-rich Ontario and the northeast United States, the team reverted to essentially an all local lineup of top Halifax high school players.

John Murphy was a long and lanky product of St. Patrick's High School and the city's north end neighbourhood. He played for both Heald and Waye, a period he best describes as an "experience".

John Murphy: "We had a solid bunch of guys most of whom had grown up watching the Huskies in the old gym during their heyday in the '70s. We were mainly local players: David Macintosh, Dave Smith, Dean Durnford, Tom McCutcheon, Jay Hammer, Chris Rowarth plus Gary Bratty from Ontario and Tony Walker from Fredericton We had two Americans: Billy Marshall from Morida and Mike 'Spider' Williams, a US. Navy veteran from Cleveland, Ohio.

We made a commitment to each other that we would work as hard as possible in the off-season in preparation for the 1986-87 season."

The Huskies surprised a lot of observers (but not themselves) by finishing the regular season at 9-9.

John Murphy: "There was a two-week break following the regular season for the Canada Games, Acadia and X were the top two teams and many of their guys represented Nova Scotia in the Canada Games" (Editors Note: Nova Scotia won the gold medal in that competition). We used those two weeks to great advantage and we just practiced and practiced, preparing ourselves for our first round playoff game against Acadia."

Acadia had finished the regular season in first place with a 16-2 record closely followed by the St. F. X team, which finished 14-4. The well-prepared Huskies met the Axemen in the first round of the playoffs and as they say, the rest is history. Described by local sports media the next day as "the mouse that roared" the unheralded Huskies surprised Acadia with a two-point win.

The Huskies were heading back to familiar territory, battling for the league championship in the historic Halifax Forum against the X-men. Once again, the under-rated Huskies put forward a Herculean effort, reminiscent of the glory years, beating St. F. X. by one to advance to the CIAU national championship tournament, in the Huskies backyard at the Halifax Metro Centre.

John Murphy: "We opened up against McMaster and got down by fifteen at the half. We made a great comeback in the second half, but lost on a three-point play with one second on the clock

We had a gutsy team, not whole lot of talent but we played well as a unit and we were determined to restore the Huskies reputation. Something I've never forgotten is a comment that Judge Pat Curran (a stalwart Santamarian and keen observer of university sports) made after we won the league championship, 'I never thought we would be competitive again'.

The 1986-87 Huskies, although underdogs, were indeed competitive and their championship run marked the rebirth of the Huskies winning tradition, rather badly tarnished in the early years of the decade.

The next two seasons were not kind to the Huskies and the administration recognized that changes needed to be made to keep the program intact and the team competitive. In mid-September, the university administration relieved Alan Waye of his part-time coaching responsibilities and appointed Ross Quackenbush (a key member of the 1978 and 1979 national championship teams) as the new, full-time head coach. Under Coach Quackenbush's leadership the team quickly took on a new personality, very much reflective of his work ethic and high basketball IQ.

In 1990-91, Quackenbush recruited a local player who would become his lynch pin for the next five seasons. William Njoku, a 6'- 9" rangy centre from Halifax West High School, had everything. He was a superb athlete who could run, jump and consistently hit a three-point shot, uncharacteristic for most of the big men in Canadian university basketball at the time.

In Quackenbush's third season as coach, the 1991-92 version of the Huskies boasted a veteran lineup led by fifth year team captain, Brian Thompson, another Halifax West graduate and the rapidly emerging national star, William Njoku.

Ross Quackenbush: "Brian assumed the leadership of the team from the beginning. He wanted that responsibility and worked incredibly hard in the off-season to leave no doubt that he should be the captain of our team. He was our leader.

That team really came together; we had veteran leadership from our two fifth year players, Brian and Chris Rowarth; we had emerging stars in Jason Darling and Richard Sullivan; I had a good recruiting year with Chris Lawrence and Tom Dobson (another Halifax West product) but the most important factor was the emergence of William as a dominating, game changing player."

**Brian Thomson:** "It was by far, the best team I ever played on and it was a growth year for me as a person and as a player. For my first four years, I worked really hard in the off-season to get better and I expected the same level of commitment from each of my team mates. However, I came to the realization that not everyone would have my level of commitment, but if they were prepared to make a positive contribution in their role that was ok too. That was an important realization for me."

**William Njoku:** "This might be a strange but the thing I remember was a pre-season paintball event that both the men's and women's teams participated. It was something entirely different - and for me, it was a real team-building activity. It created a real positive environment for both teams and for me; it made a big difference in learning how to trust and support my team mates."

**Brian Thompson:** "Our team that year just clicked. We had a twelve game winning streak going into Christmas and after Christmas we went on to another dozen game winning streak heading into the CIS national championship."

1. William Njoku, with jump shot over top of defender at DALPLEX. Note: William was the SMU male Athlete-of-the-Year and AUS Player-of-the Year in 1992-3 and 93-94; Rookie in 1991; twice MVP; and CIS Player of-the-Year from '92 to '94.



**William Njoku:** "We rode on Brian's shoulders, he was our 'stallion'. I think it was the last regular season game when we beat X in Antigonish that I realized this team was something special - and that we had what it took to win the big games the rest of the way."

We went on to win the AUS championship with me playing my role to compliment Brian's scoring. I focused on rebounding, blocking shots and being a big presence in the middle. We were riding high and just floated through the week, ready to play for a national championship."

The Huskies performance in the 1991-92 national championships at the Halifax Metro Centre remains the stuff of legends.

**Brian Thompson:** "The tournament All-Canadian banquet was on Thursday night and I was named as a first-team All-Canadian. It was a great achievement for me but I was really focused on our team success; we had the twelve game winning streak going for us and we were ready to play and win."

That night I wasn't feeling too well and ended up becoming violently ill; I couldn't keep anything down. By Friday, I was in very bad shape, to the point I had to go the hospital. I had lost almost ten pounds overnight and into Friday. I was admitted immediately and hooked up to an IV to get my fluids back to normal.

I remember John Gallinaugh and Mickey Fox came to see me in the hospital. They were there to boost my spirits and also to let me know that there was no way I could play that night against Guelph.... I was shattered."

**Ross Quackenbush:** "Guelph was touted to win the nationals that year. They had a very strong team and two exceptional 6'9" forwards - Tim Mau and Eric Hammond. Even with Brian in the lineup, we were the decided underdogs in the minds of many. We were out warming up and you could hear the whisper across the Metro Centre - "where's Brian? There was a real buzz as we drew closer to tip off."

**William Njoku:** "We were at our pre-game meal when we learned that Brian wasn't able to play - the air just went out of the team."

**Brian Thompson:** "Even though I couldn't play, I wanted to be at the Metro Centre for the game. I can't even remember if I made it for the tip off or at half-time, but I do remember the unbelievable buzz about my not being in the lineup."

**William Njoku:** "We were about five minutes into our warm-up when we saw Brian make his way to the bench. The stage was set when it became obvious to everyone that Brian wouldn't be playing."

**Ross Quackenbush:** "Without Brian, I decided to play a zone defense, a kind of hybrid man-to-man. We got out to an early lead and just rode it out. Guelph had high expectations and we definitely took them out of their rhythm. But the difference was William."

William Njoku emerged in that game as a national star. He scored twenty-eight points and hauled down twenty-one rebounds.

**William Njoku:** "There are three moments of that game that stand out for me. First, in the early going, I scored on an one-and-one against Eric Hammond but I missed the free throw. I remember saying to myself that I couldn't afford to miss those opportunities for the rest of the game. The second big moment was when I hit a three-point shot that felt like a lay-up and lastly, when I fouled out with about five minutes to go. It was a reach-in foul in their back court - a rookie mistake. I remember the look on the referee's face because he didn't have much choice but to make the call and I felt very empty knowing I wouldn't be making a contribution down the stretch."

**Ross Quackenbush:** "It was pretty dramatic. William carried us on his shoulders but fouled out with about four minutes to go and then Richard Sullivan (starting point guard) fouled out with three minutes to go. Still, we just hung on and rode it out."

**Brian Thompson:** "William was unbelievable; it was his big step-up game."

Coach Quackenbush's 'hybrid man-to-man', the outstanding play of Njoku and the overall gritty performance of the entire Huskies squad has become part of Saint Mary's basketball lore as they stunned the highly touted Guelph 52-50 to advance to the semi-final round.

**William Njoku:** "We didn't have Brian, our scorer and our emotional leader. It was an unbelievable team victory. I had a big game but everyone single guy on the team made a contribution, guys like Dale Stevens who played big minutes and even those that didn't play at all."

After the game, I received a lot of attention - it was a bit of a coming out party for me. In a way, I hadn't realized what everyone else recognized, that I had emerged on the national stage as a dominating player."

**Brian Thompson:** "To this day, I can't thank those guys enough. I felt terrible about not being able to play and they had the will and found the way to give me an opportunity to play again." The Huskies were now flying high and had Thompson back in the lineup to face the Winnipeg Wesmenin the semi-final round. Thompson didn't disappoint, scoring twenty-eight points in the first half.

**Brian Thompson:** "I remember Richard Sullivan set me up for a great dunk and the crowd went crazy. After that, we got by about fifteen points and had little difficulty in beating Winnipeg. Our big lead gave me a chance to for a badly needed rest in the second half."

**William Njoku:** "Winnipeg didn't have a chance. They had a solid team but we were really pumped after beating Guelph without our leader - and now we had him back."

The back-to-back wins (numbers eleven and twelve in a row) earned the Huskies the right to compete for a national

championship against the somewhat unheralded Brock University Badgers.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "It was a real close game all the way; we led by as many as five. It was tied with five minutes left and we were up by three with three minutes to go. Brock had a very good team and we played well. It was a tough one to lose."

**Brian Thompson:** "I didn't have a lot of energy left for that game. We had the lead with about three minutes to go but they shot the lights out. They hit a lot of three's - that was the difference in the game.

**William Njoku:** "I'm not superstitious but there were a couple of things about the game against Brock that were different from the other two games. For the first time in the tournament we sat on the bench at the south end of the arena rather than the north end and we wore our maroon uniforms after wearing our whites in the first two wins.

We felt we were going to win the game. We played our hearts out, never felt any pressure and we were playing with confidence; we were relaxed but it just seemed to end rather quickly. When the game was on the line with just a few minutes to go, I think we needed a moment to just reassure ourselves that we were going to win the game. Brock seemed to have that belief and a look in their eyes that they were destined to win. I think the difference was that we ended up playing not to lose rather than playing to win."



**Ross Quackenbush, Coach**

The unheralded Brock Badgers prevailed to win the national championship over the hometown Huskies 77-71.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "We had a lead of six or seven at some point in the third quarter and Brock gradually tied it up with about four minutes to go. With two minutes to go Brock was up four and, as the shot clock buzzer went off, they hit a three to go up seven with 1:30 left. It was pretty much game over."

**Brian Thompson:** "It was a great season with a disappointing final game. We had a great team and we remain extremely close today. I run into people all the time that talk about our play in that national championship weekend - it really created a buzz and a lot of lasting memories, not just for as players but for everyone who was there."

Njoku's career as a collegian took off from the '91-92 season. He was named Player-of-the-Year and a first team All-Canadian in '92-93 and a first team All-Canadian again in '93-94. He was a key member of Canada's national team from 1992-1999 and was drafted in the second round by the Indiana Pacers (49th pick overall) in the 1994 NBA draft.

For three straight years, the Huskies made it to the National Championships, only to lose to the eventual national champions: Brock in '91-'92; 'X' in '92-'93 and Alberta in '93-94.

It took the Huskies a couple of seasons to recover from the loss of the dominating Njoku. According to Coach Quackenbush, it was the arrival of a somewhat unheralded Jonah Taussig from Halifax's Queen Elizabeth High in 1996-97 that the Huskies fortunes again took a favourable turn.

In the understated way that has become a trademark of Coach Quackenbush's approach to team building and development, he began to assemble and mold a somewhat disparate group of individual players from a variety of backgrounds and experience into a cohesive, highly competitive unit.

The foundation of the '99 squad was built around three, almost inter-changeable big men: Cory Janes, Ryan

McClintock and Patrick Toulouse. The size and strength of the three 'biggs' gave the Huskies a strong advantage under the boards at both ends of the floor. The Huskies front-court strength, coupled with a combination of quick and athletic guards and forwards such as Jonah Taussig, Kurt Henry, Lloyd Thomas and Nate Anderson fitted Quackenbush's 'team-first' approach to the game.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "That group really played to their strengths and helped create a team identity early in the season. We had good team chemistry. They believed in one another."

We had some inconsistent moments that season but we played well down the stretch when it counted and steam-rolled through the AUS playoffs."

The Huskies were once again headed to the CIS national championships and much like the Saint Mary's teams before them, dreamed of repeating the magic of the 1973, 1978 and 1979 national championship teams.

**Jonah Taussig:** "I can tell you every detail of the years in which we lost, but in many ways the '99 CIS tournament remains a bit of blur." For the record, the Huskies opened up the tournament in front of their hometown fans against the highly touted University of Western Ontario Mustangs and won. The Huskies were set to meet the Joe Raso coached McMaster University Marauders in the semi-final.

**Jonah Taussig:** "The football team had a lot of guys from Hamilton and I think as a way to motivate us, predicted that we would fall to Mac."

**Ross Quackenbush:** "They got off to a quick start and we were down 12-0 before we knew it. But we stayed calm and just played our game. The momentum turned and we had a double digit lead at the half. They just never recovered and we were headed to the National Championship."

**Jonah Taussig:** "What I remember most about that game was Nate Anderson coming in off the bench and totally electrifying the crowd, time after time."



**Jonah Taussig, new  
Head Coach, 2012**

The stage was now set for another Huskies run to a National Championship but they had to get through a strong University of Alberta squad who had bested Saint Mary's in overtime during the '93-'94 quarter-final at the CIS tournament.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "Lloyd Thomas simply blossomed in the Alberta game. He defended, he rebounded (seven in the game) and hit big shots."

None that would bigger than Thomas' three-point shot that put the see-saw battle into overtime.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "We were down three with about a minute and half to go. We had to hit a three at some point, so we decided to go early. Lloyd had an open look and fired it up. 'The shot' tied the game and put it into overtime."

**Jonah Taussig:** "I remember that game as being back-and-forth the entire game. Cory hit crucial hoops for us throughout the game. When it came down to the end, I remember 'Quack' calling for the three when we were down three. Lloyd hit the shot, possibly, the biggest basket in the last thirty years or perhaps in the history of Saint Mary's basketball!"

The game was indeed a thriller and the Huskies ultimately prevailed in a 76-69 over-time win against a strong Alberta squad.

**Jonah Taussig:** "Cory hit two free throws to ice the game with a couple of seconds left. All I remember from that point was the crowd rushing the floor and me watching 'Quack' and the guys enjoying the moment unlike anything I had ever seen before."

Cory Janes, the big man from Nictaux Falls, N.S., was named the tournament's MVP and Taussig the play-maker - and understated team leader - was named to the tournament all-star team.

**Jonah Taussig:** "After the game, I stayed behind in the Metro Centre for interviews, then walked down to the Argyle with the trophy to join the celebration. A lot of people stopped me and told me how proud they were of Saint Mary's and the team. It was one of those special moments. The rest of that night is a blur."

There were many Huskies heroes that day: Lloyd Thomas, who hit 'the shof; Nate Anderson, the diminutive and ultra-quick guard whose play put the pro-Huskies crowd in a state of delirium throughout the game, and the two hard working big men, Ryan McClintock and Patrick Toulouse.

But, the two biggest heroes of the day were Janes and Taussig, who had the games of their lives at that perfect moment in time.

**Jonah Taussig:** "I remember Cory and I walking into class the next day (our prof wouldn't let us skip his class!); everyone in the classroom gave us a round of applause, the clapping hurt my head."

The decade following the 1999 national championship saw the Quackenbush-led Huskies produce a record that would be the envy of most CIS schools and coaches in the country: six appearances in AUS championship games and six trips to the CIS national championship tournament. As only he can, Quackenbush succinctly sums it up: "It was a decade of good; close; but not quite."

For the record: In 2000, the Huskies returned the entire 1999 championship squad with the exception of Lloyd Thomas, but lost to St. F. X. in the AUS final.

2001 saw the Huskies lose to the X-men again in the AUS final but make it to the CIS tournament as the wild card selection, only to lose to the Brandon University Bobcats in the quarter-final round.

The X-men toppled the Huskies again in the 2002 AUS championship game, but the Huskies were granted the host team' spot in the CIS tournament. Saint Mary's met an experienced University of Alberta team in the opening round.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "We were up by seventeen in the second half, but they fought their way back and went on to win the tournament."

In 2003, the Huskies were knocked off in the AUS championship game by a surprising UPEI Panthers team that made their surge at the right time.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "The difference in that game was the big Australian kid (Jason Aucoin). He played a lot of minutes and made his presence felt around the hoop (thirteen points and nine rebounds)."

The Huskies were again awarded the host team spot in the CIS tournament; once again came face-to-face with Alberta; again built up a big lead only to lose in their quarter-final match-up.

2004 can only be considered a peculiar year and an aberration for the Huskies.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "The AUS had a two-division set up that season. We finished fourth in our division but we had a better record than the top three teams in the other division. As a result, we didn't make the league playoffs."

It was one of only two seasons that a Quackenbush-coached team did not make the AUS playoffs.

In 2005, the Huskies lost to 'X' in the AUS championship but again were awarded one of two wild card spots in the new Final Ten format.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "We played Waterloo in the 'play-in game' and beat them soundly but we got shellacked by Concordia in the next round - they were fresh and we were tired."

The Huskies lost to the up-and-coming Cape Breton University Capers in the semi-final round of the 2006 AUS championship.

In 2007, Saint Mary's lost to Acadia in overtime in the AUS championship game.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "Unfortunately, Eric Glavic (quarterback of the Saint Mary's football team) missed back-to-back free throws in regulation time putting the game into overtime. However, he had given us lot of inspired play to help get us to that point."

Despite the AUS championship loss to Acadia, the Huskies were once again awarded the host team slot in the 2007 CIS tournament. The Huskies shocked the number one seed Concordia University Stingers in the opening round only to lose to Brandon in the semi-final round.

In 2008, the Huskies returned to their winning form by beating Acadia in the AUS championship game under the leadership of team captain, Mark Ross; only to bow out to the University of Western Ontario Mustangs in the opening round of the CIS tournament, held for the first time in Ottawa after twenty-four straight years in Halifax.

2009 saw the Huskies lose out to UPEI in the semi-final round of the AUS championship tournament.

Cape Breton University Capers played host to the 2010 AUS championship tournament.

The Huskies had a heart breaking loss to 'X' in the semi-final round. A desperation three-point attempt by the X-men's Christian 'T-Bear' Upshaw resulted in a foul with no time remaining on the clock.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "If there was a god, that game would have gone into overtime. It was a very sad way to lose a game, especially for our two graduating fifth-year seniors Mark (McLaughlin) and Ikey (Obiuchegbu)."

Reflecting on a fairly remarkable decade by most coaches standards (six AUS tournament finals - one championship and six CIS championship tournament appearances) the often self-deprecating Coach looks back: "We were close so many times but have no hardware to show for it except a lot of heartbreak."

The Huskies 1999 national championship came in Coach Quackenbush's 10th year at the helm of Saint Mary's basketball.

He holds the enviable and likely never to be matched record of having been a member of two Huskies national championship teams in '78 and '79 and the head coach of the '99 title team.

Having just completed his 22nd season at Saint Mary's, by far the longest serving head coach of any varsity team coach in the school's storied history, Quackenbush has established himself as a 'coaches coach'.

**Mickey Fox:** "I would say there is no other coach like Ross in the country; he is unique. He has strong opinions about how the game should be played and how teams and players should perform. He has a high basketball IQ and he expects his players to either have or quickly develop that same intelligence about the game. Ross is extremely analytical and he applies that deep thinking to all aspects of the game."

Quackenbush, as expected from those who know him well, is reluctant to talk about himself and his coaching achievements. Ever the analyst, he is slow to respond to the question about the secret to his longevity and success as a coach, initially offering a glib comment.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "Just dumb luck I guess."

However, after a little prodding and encouragement, he opened up.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "I didn't start out wanting to be a career coach. The job opened up and it happened to be the right time and place for me. I guess I had a pretty good pedigree as a player (back to back national championships with the Huskies in '78 and '79 and five years with Canada's national team plus two national Senior 'A' championship with the Halifax Budget Raiders in 1977 and 1981). I had been teaching and coaching for five years (Kings-Edgehill, Windsor, N.S.), so I had the training and experience as an educator. And, I guess my personality suited the role. I do view myself as someone who can have a calming affect, helping smooth-out difficult player and team situations to the benefit of all - that helps a lot as a coach of young men.

I do have, 'can't-we-just-all-get-along mentality'. I can and do like to be intense. As a coach and as a player you to have to be willing to 'go to the wall'; you have to want to stand your ground and you must have a strong sense of right and wrong. I think that describes me."

As with any coach, especially at Saint Mary's, there are high expectations for the success of its teams from the administration, from the students and alumni, as well as the legions of fans who closely follow all Huskies teams.

Quackenbush has not been immune from the critics and 'arm chair quarterbacks', who believe they know a better way to coach and succeed.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "I haven't done everything right. I could have had better results and our teams could always

do better." True to form, Quackenbush contemplates that statement. "In my 22 years as head coach, we've been to the national championships nine times. With the exception of two seasons, we made the league playoffs every year. I think that's a pretty good record of success."

There are two trademarks of Quackenbush coached teams: one is the low turnover of players from year-to-year, a direct result of his commitment to the players: and, as he has proven year-after-year, his teams improve throughout the season and more often than not, peak at playoff time.

**Ross Quackenbush:** "If a player makes a commitment to Saint Mary's and to me for four or five years, I make a commitment to them. It's as simple as that."

If there has been a constant in the history of Saint Mary's basketball, it's been long-time team manager John Landry. The Halifax native and product of the city's Saint Patrick's High School, Landry was introduced to Canadian university basketball when his school hosted the 1965 CIAU national championship.

**John Landry:** "I remember that tournament so well. Acadia, Assumption (later to become the University of Windsor) and Loyola were in the tournament. That tournament really gave me the bug to become involved in university sports."

Landry was recruited by long-time St. Pats friend Terry O'Neill, who had asked him to help out with the 1972-73 Huskies. He found himself once again face-to-face with Brian Heaney, the Huskies head coach, whom he remembered first playing with Acadia University and their 1965 national championship team. John has the unique distinction of being the manager of the four national championship Huskies teams, beginning in 1973, his rookie season as team manager.



**John Landry, Manager  
Huskies' Men's  
Basketball**

He has a special memory of each of those teams and national championships:

1973: "That was my first time traveling outside of Nova Scotia and my first time at the University of Waterloo. There was a lot to do and a lot to look after... it was a thrilling experience to be a part of Saint Mary's first national championship team in any sport."

1978: "In addition to being the manager, Coach Heaney also instructed me to look after Father Hennessey that game. After we won the championship (before 11,000 people!), I remember Coach put me in charge of the trophy. I drove the trophy down to the Henry House and Dr. Owen Carrigan (university president) hosted a victory dinner for the team."

1979: "That was my first trip to Calgary and the Saddledome - that was the best team ever! We had great chemistry and everyone got along really well. Having Mickey (Fox) back was great and having veteran players such as Ross Quackenbush, Percy Davis and Kevin Wood was the difference."

1999: "Another gold medal in front of the hometown fans!"

Since 1973, John has become a fixture behind the Huskies bench. He is exceptionally well-known and liked by Canadian university basketball coaches, athletic directors, players, referees and fans across the country. How long has John Landry been part of the Huskies? Long enough that he has been the team manager for sons of former players from his first team, the '73 Huskies: John Gallinaugh ('71-'74) and Jack Gallinaugh (2008-2010); Peter Halpin ('71-'74) and Riley Halpin (2010 - present).

There isn't a player who has worn the maroon and white since 1973 who doesn't have a John Landry story. He is truly a special person with an undying commitment to Huskies basketball and Saint Mary's University. Despite being inducted into the Nova Scotia and Saint Mary's Sports Halls of Fame on more occasions than any Huskies player, team or coach, Landry remains characteristically modest about his dedication and career achievements.

John Landry: "My five personal career highlights are: being a part of nine national championship games; twelve AUS championship teams; four national championship teams; being named Saint Mary's athletics Manager of the Year four times and having an article written about me by *The Jour/w/*."

September, 2011, marked John Landry's 39th season as team manager! During those nearly forty seasons, he has a great memory for certain key games, coaches, championship teams and tournaments.

Ross Quackenbush: "John is totally dedicated to the team. He has seen and done a lot and he has the ability to draw upon those memories and offer-up some profound insights into past games, tournaments and game situations. He is truly one-of-a-kind."

For John, it's all about the players for whom he has the fondest memories.

John Landry: "In 1972-73, I started out just a bit older than the players and as time passed I'm a lot older. The association with all those players over all those seasons is what matters most to me and that's what keeps me coming back."

Mickey Fox: "John is extremely loyal to all the players and coaches he's been associated with and totally dedicated to the program. He is an all-time Huskies great."

A final note: Another hallmark of the Huskies basketball tradition, perhaps more so than any other AUS team, is the strength of the ties between former players and the program. At Saint Mary's home games, the bleachers and baseline seats are filled with former players, coaches and managers from the past five decades, cheering on the Huskies - to a person, everyone feels an indelible link to the team that's on the floor at the time.

Peter Halpin: "From my experience, those most closely associated with the Huskies basketball program, no matter what era, can also be the biggest critics about what the team should or could be doing either differently or better. Like everyone associated with Saint

Mary's athletics, we have high expectations. At the same time, we are also the most die-hard fans and supporters of the team."

In the second week of September, 2011, Ross Quackenbush began his 23<sup>rd</sup> season as head coach of the basketball Huskies. He is now, along with John Dore of the Concordia University Stingers and Peter Campbell of the Wilfred Laurier University Golden Hawks, among the longest-serving CIS basketball coaches in the country.

He approached the season as he has the twenty-two previous seasons: he opened up the gym to a group of players largely comprised of members of the previous season's team with a few new faces, added to strengthen and round out the skill-level and depth of the team.

'Quack, consistent to the core, would be optimistic but pragmatic as he once again attempted to forge twelve young men into a cohesive, intelligent and competitive unit, totally committed to the task at hand everyday in practice and focused on building the team work necessary to win a championship.

#### **A final word from Coach Ross Quackenbush:**

"Unless you've played and coached at a high level, you don't understand how difficult it is to win championships, especially in the league in which we play, where there is such parity."

And, just as he has for the past thirty-nine years, John Landry will roll out the ball rack and another season in the long history of the Huskies' basketball tradition will begin.

*Post Script:* In September, 2011, Coach Ross Quackenbush announced his retirement as Head Coach of the basketball Huskies, effective at the end of the 2011-12 season.

'Quack' finished his distinguished career as the longest-serving head coach in any sport at Saint Mary's.

Fittingly, the university appointed long-time assistant-coach and 1999 National Championship team Captain, Jonah Taussig as the new head coach of the basketball Huskies.



John Brown, SMU, wearing the hoop netting as he accepts his Championship Award at the 1977-78 CIS nationals in the Halifax Metro Centre, perhaps setting a single game attendance record in that stadium in an all-Nova Scotia final against the Acadia Axemen.

#### **Introduction to Men's Varsity Soccer**

As with most of the major chapters in this publication that recount the history of each sport, most have taken very different approaches to telling those stories. Soccer is no different, as the various authors have each chosen to narrate their stories through the coaches who led the teams... from relative obscurity to today's national contenders, over a period of precisely fifty (50) years.

It all began officially in 1962 with Sean Dennehy and Rev. Bathurst, S J, with Sean becoming the first-ever playing coach for soccer's first two years, with rosters that read more like United Nation's teams - with players from eight countries.

Then in 1964, Saint Mary's witnessed the arrival of the man who would be head coach for twenty years and about whom legends were written, the future SMU *Coach Emeritus*, Roy Clements. Then former SMU graduate and AUAA All-Star player Peter Wicha took over the helm for the next seven years, until he left to take on full-time responsibility as a public school principal. Stewart Galloway followed him, arriving in 1992 with impeccable credentials as a former AUS/CIS All-Star and professional soccer player, who is now into his twentieth year as SMU head coach.

These then are their stories in what is surely the most international of all team sports. [Ed.]

## Saint Mary's Varsity Men's Soccer

### 1962 -1992: Dennehy - Clements - Wicha

On Sunday November 13, 2011, the Saint Mary's University men's varsity soccer team lost a heartbreaker in the CIS gold medal game to the host University of Victoria Vikes. The 3-1 loss by the Stewart Galloway-coached male soccer Huskies was the fourth time a Saint Mary's male soccer team has been denied the coveted CIS championship, losing in the gold medal game on four occasions: 1979, 1989, 2000 and 2011. Galloway has been at the helm of the men's program since 1992 and many consider him to be the most successful varsity coach in any sport ever at Saint Mary's.

Every successful program must have a beginning and men's soccer is no exception. Just as a well-built house starts with a strong foundation, so must any athletic program. Contrary to what many Santamarians or soccer enthusiasts have been led to believe, the men's varsity soccer program did not originate with Roy Clement's arrival in 1964. In 1962 Father Bathurst, SJ and Sean Dennehy were the two individuals responsible for the emergence of varsity men's soccer at Saint Mary's. Fr. Bathurst made the funding available for uniforms and Sean Dennehy offered his services as a player-coach. Sean would be Saint Mary's first varsity male soccer coach, serving in that capacity for both the 1962 and 1963 seasons. In their inaugural season the team finished with a respectable five win, three loss campaign. Their first win was a 5-1 victory over Acadia, with Adrien Smith having the distinction of scoring the first-ever goal by a Saint Mary's varsity soccer player. The 1963 season, although not as successful as the 1962 season (three wins, three losses) was none-the-less unique in the composition of its roster. Players from Canada, the United States, Ireland, Africa, Trinidad, China, Spain and Mexico comprised this very internationally-

1. Note: Stephen Hart played on that 1979 team and is now a National Men's Soccer coach. ]

flavoured roster. The two Africans, Sam Saletile and Hailie Matlosa, both born in Lesotho, endeared themselves immediately to a group of varsity football players, who introduced them to the Piccadilly, the LBR and the Lighthouse, in an effort to make them feel welcome. In an e-mail received from Sam Saletile on February 8, 2011, he remembers his years at Saint Mary's fondly. After graduating from Nova Scotia Tech in 1969, Sam returned to Lesotho and had plans to retire from his consulting job in June, 2011. Sam mentioned several varsity soccer, football and basketball players in this e-mail and inquired about their present status. Not only did he remember these names, but all were spelled correctly...

The 1964 soccer season was the first for Roy Clements, a native of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, UK. Roy was a seasoned pioneer of the Maritime soccer scene when he arrived at Saint Mary's, with numerous Atlantic Senior and Maritime Command Championships added to his coaching resume before undertaking the university soccer challenge. In his inaugural coaching season the team settled for a third place finish, with a record of three wins, two losses and one tie. The next two seasons, 1965 and 1966, saw the soccer Huskies claim their first and second conference championships under the demanding and cunning coaching of Roy Clements. The soccer win streak of seventeen continued on into the 1966 season when the team finally suffered a 2-1 setback to the Acadia Axemen. The team would not win another conference title until the 1979 season<sup>1</sup> (then the AUAA, today the AUS), the same year they played in their first soccer nationals (CIAU then, currently the CIS). In total Roy coached the Saint Mary's varsity men's soccer team from 1964 to 1983, during which his teams won five league championships and a silver medal at the University Soccer Nationals; he was recognized as the AUAA (AUS) Coach-of-the-Year in both 1978 and 1981.

The success of any program is not solely measured in wins and losses; Roy would be the first to remind you that players with character and grit were the key to any team's success, as

he surrounded himself with this type of player throughout his coaching career at Saint Mary's. In the early years that included players such as Sam Saletile, Eduardo Escobar, Roger and Stu Henderson, Bob Murphy and goal keeper Delano LaiFatt. In 1965, Roger Henderson had the distinction of being the first soccer player to be chosen Athlete-of-the-Year at Saint Mary's.



**Roy Clements, circa 1965  
(shouting encouragement)**

Between 1967 and 1974 the soccer team struggled through some tough times, posting an uncharacteristic fourteen win, twenty-five loss and twelve tie record. Goal-keeper John Carroll, Fitz Eddy, Roger Ferrah, Frank LeSage and Rocco Cianfaglioni, were all standouts during this time.

The 1975 season brought a return of their winning ways, as the team finished with a 5 - 3 - 2 season, and no Clements' coached team would finish

below the .500 mark from 1975 until his retirement from active coaching in 1983

The 1979 season saw the team return to the soccer nationals for the first time since 1966. That talented roster included AUAA All-stars, Alan Routledge, Mike Clarke, Manuk Nazaryan, Ross Webb and Jim Sidey. Sidey and Nazaryan were also CIAU All-Canadians that year. Peter Wicha, who would succeed Roy Clements as coach, as well as Alain Beaudain (who has contributed a tribute to coach Clements in this publication), were also a part of the CIAU silver medal squad. Saint Mary's lost to a powerful University of Alberta team in the Championship game played at Concordia University.

Ross Webb, continued his high school scoring prowess at Saint Mary's: Webb scored thirty-seven (37) goals during his

1978 rookie season and would go on to establish a single game scoring record of eight (8) against Universite de Moncton, (He also scored seven goals in one game against UPEI that season as well) as well as the season high scoring record with thirty-seven (37) goals. [Note: SMU scored a total of fifty-seven (57) goals that season, only surpassed by the 1989 team with 63. Ed]. Ross was also a four-time CIAU (CIS) first team All-Canadian and a five-time AUAA (AUS) first team conference all-star. He was inducted into the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 2010. *Sports Illustrated* also featured Ross in a 1978 publication, distinguishing him as the first Canadian University Athlete to be included within the pages of that prestigious sport publication.



**Ross Webb (as seen in  
*Sports Illustrated*)**

The 1980 season saw the defending champions finish second in league play, but a subsequent league ruling would see Dalhousie removed from their first place finish, enabling the soccer Huskies to once again host the playoffs. After defeating the Memorial Beothuks 2-1 in the semi-finals, they fell 3-2 to the UNB Red Shirts in the Championship game. Manuk Nazaryan, Ross Webb and Geoff Agostini were AUAA All-stars, with Webb and Agostini being selected as CIAU All-Canadians; Jim Sidey was the team MVP.

The 1981 season was the last year a Roy Clements' coached team would capture a conference title, finishing with a 7-0-2 record. Several members of that undefeated team were award recipients: Geoff Agostini, Costa Elles, Manuk Mazaryan, Alan Routledge, Jim Sidey and Ross Webb named as AUAA all-stars, while Clements got the nod as AUAA Coach-of-the-Year. Agostini and Webb repeated as CIAU All-Canadians; Nazaryan was the team MVP.

The 1982 team saw the return of a talented, veteran-laden team, with the likes of Agostini, Webb, Wicha and Sidey. Although finishing with a 7-1-2 record and a first place finish, the team dropped a disappointing semi-final game 2-1 to the U.P.E.I. Panthers. Wicha was team MVP and Webb was the University's male Athlete-of-the-Year. The loss of Sidey, Webb, and several other key players through graduation would leave a large void to be filled by incoming rookies in 1983.



**CIAU All-Canadian Geoff Agostini**

The 1983 season would be Roy Clements last year as coach of the men's varsity soccer team, but he would remain part of the team as a coordinator for a few more seasons. The team finished with a respectable 4-3-4 record in a league where the competition was fierce and new rivalries were being formed.

Although Roy retired from active coaching in 1983, he continued to be a part of the University's athletics program for the next twenty years as game-day ticket manager. Most importantly he continued to be a well-loved and valued mentor for both the men's and women's soccer coaches who succeeded him.

Roy's influence on soccer in Nova Scotia extended far beyond Saint Mary's; for more than fifty (50) years he was a valued and enthusiastic soccer administrator who played a major role fostering the sport's popularity, success and enormous growth within the region

Roy served as the president of Soccer Nova Scotia, managed the Armed Forces League, chaired the Atlantic Universities' Conference, was a commissioner of the Halifax Metro Soccer

League and represented Nova Scotia as a delegate to the CSFA. He also initiated Junior Olympic Soccer Clinics and helped organize the Canada Games.

In 2000 Coach Clements was enshrined in the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame and in 2004 was named *Coach Emeritus* by the University. Posthumously, he was selected for induction into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 2009.

In a January 30, 2009 media release, by then University Public Affairs Officer, Blake Patterson, Roy's passing was recognized in part with these words, "Coach Clements was representative of an era when Saint Mary's cut its teeth on competitive sport nationally. He will always be remembered as a coach who was irascible, demanding, argumentative, and beyond all else, cared about the success of his players on and off the field. He was a players coach." [Not bad for a man who suffered from hemophilia and wasn't expected to live beyond his sixteenth birthday!]



**Photo of an earlier Clements' winning soccer team; circa 1970s, based solely on the mustaches, beards and hair! Surely someone knows the year and the players' names?**

**The First of three Stories that Helped to  
Create and Extend the Legend of  
Saint Mary's *Coach Emeritus*, Roy Clements  
Alain Beaudoin**

Many of the greatest memories I've had in life included the years I attended SMU in the late 1970s and early eighties, and with the wonderful people I had the pleasure of associating with ... those I called my friends, my room-mates, professors, varsity coaches, assistant coaches, team-mates, and most of all, my varsity soccer coach, Roy Qements.

'Coach Qements', as he was affectionately called, was a WWII veteran from England who manned a 'fake' wooden anti-aircraft gun during the Blitz; he also suffered from Haemophilia and was in pain much of the time. Players were all aware of his condition; he had coached SMU since the early 1960s and his office in the Student Union Building was a popular meeting place between classes for soccer players. 'Coach' would entertain us with stories of his early life in Stoke City (UK), the war and of past players, seasons and individual games. He was a no-nonsense man who was as hilarious as he was gruff - he clearly 'loved' his boys and always enjoyed holding court. We would spend hours daily just hanging around and listening to him. During the active playing season he thoroughly prepared us for matches, strongly suggesting we stay away from the 'birds', (his British colloquial term for player's girlfriends) as he figured they weakened one's legs. Fearing reprimands, most 'birds' avoided coach's office as much as possible.



**Roy Clements,**  
**Saint Mary's University**  
*Coach Emeritus*

He was a tough taskmaster who demanded 100 per cent effort; anything less risked a verbal dressing down and / or being benched. His soccer practices included repetitious drills, runs and even more drills, as well as the occasional motivational rant that would redden the face of the hardest of maritime sailors. It certainly caught the attention of varsity football players who occasionally practiced in the middle of the field, but those rants gave us instant respect from the larger, more powerful football players who looked on in disbelief. Looking back, I'm sure he did that as much for our benefit as for his. In the years I attended SMU, the soccer team was always a well-respected team and played near or at the very top of the league standings thanks to the quality of effort and coach's inspirational techniques.

A lesson in inspiration: Saint Mary's reputation as a soccer powerhouse was well known during this period. That reputation drew many returning veterans and rookies alike each year to try-out for the honour of playing for SMU. With a two-week training camp and as many as eighty players vying for very few spots, competition was always fierce. I remember during a particularly cold, windy and rainy (an often typical Fall day in Halifax) afternoon, we were running drills and dragging our feet. Coach bellowed out many 'encouragements' in his own colourful way, but to no avail. Our lackadaisical play was visibly upsetting to him. We were dragging our butts and wanted to be anywhere but on that field, yet as all the returning players knew, one never would dare complain. Unfortunately, one rookie who thought he should complain, did so ... I'm sure it was a moment he regretted for the rest of his life; it will always be known to me as the *second* Halifax Explosion. What followed was profane and loud enough to be heard from as far away as Dalhousie University, otherwise known to us at the time as the end of the earth, or at least you could see it from there. Go SMU!

I'm certain I heard the wind stop. We all ceased running and stood erect and watched as 'coach' pulled up his left pant leg and showed us his withered, crooked leg. We collectively gasped. In no uncertain terms, he let us **ALL** know that if he could stand outside with us in that terrible weather as a senior handicapped by his ailment, in pain, then

the least we could do as young healthy men was to shut-up and do what we were told - and be thankful to have the ability to participate.

It would be an understatement to say the tempo of practice picked up considerably after that . . . what a lesson! The gentleman in question who had complained never returned for another practice and never played for SMU. You didn't have to be the best player to play for 'coach' but you had to bring heart to the game. You had to be willing to dig deep and bust through a wall if that's what it took: your team-mates, your school and your coach depended on it.

I took that lesson to heart that day and never relinquished its meaning. Thanks Coach.

### **More memories of Coach Roy Clements...**

Coach Clements had an unfortunate tendency, due to an illness, of losing his teeth one at a time. Sometimes they would suddenly fall out, other times they wiggled for days before dropping. This was a source of much laughter when coach would wiggle his tooth with his tongue in front of those secretaries who dropped by

his office in the Student Union Building. Furthermore, coach Clements, in his mischievous way, would collect his teeth in a clear plastic bag. Why? I had no idea at the time but I found out soon enough ... you see, unsuspecting rookies would be called into his office one at a time by Coach Clements, where they sat down across from him and he would initiate a conversation. Usually this entailed asking the rookie if he 'had what it took to be a SMU player' or more directly if they were 'tough enough' to play for him. Of course a rookie, like myself, would answer in the affirmative. Then he would reach into the top drawer of his desk pull out the bag and toss it quickly onto a player's lap; more than one rookie screamed and ran out of his office after peering at those long brown 'ivories' staring up at him through the bag. He'd giggle, then put them back in his desk. Established players would be waiting outside the office listening for the rookies' reactions, and then proceed to laugh heartily at the anticipated reaction - and, of course, the rookie. For the record, I looked down, picked up the bag and said, 'cool' and tossed it back. That was 'Coach' for you; he kept you on your toes and laughing; he kept you loose.



**LEFT: Saint Mary's University Men's Varsity Soccer team, 1981 AUA A Champions with an undefeated record of 7-0-2. Coach Roy Clements is on the far right, while Geoff Agostini and Peter Wicha are #2 and #3 respectively to Roy's right; i.e., to the viewer's left in the photograph.**

(Photo credit unknown or not recorded; SMU web site).

**One more 'Coach' story if I may ... my first day at SMU.**

I spent twenty-seven hours on a train from Cape Breton, where I was living, to Quebec City to inform my family that I'd been 'recruited' to attend SMU. Having done that, I got back on another train a week later to travel another twenty-four hours to Halifax. Even at nineteen years of age, I was pretty burnt-out by the time I arrived in Halifax, but was elated and excited about training camp the next morning and meeting my new teammates. I had only \$127 to my name, and three baby-blue suitcases with me, one of which was actually a giant make-up kit from the 1960s, I had no idea what it was, it just looked weirdly shaped to me... it transported my radio and some books.

Once in Halifax, I hailed a taxi and arrived on campus ... at the hockey rink. I had to go report to the Residence Office in high rise No. 2 to get my room before it was too late. The soccer camp began the following morning and had been assured by Coach Clements that a room was waiting for me. It was already seven PM as I walked across the 'practice field' (formerly The Tower, but today known as the Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness) from the rink to high rise #1 and tried to open the door... locked!... I kept walking until I saw another door along the 'low rise' and it too was locked. They were all padlocked from the inside. I could see students strolling along the 'low rise' corridor. All the while I'm trying to juggle this weird collection of luggage, becoming more tired, and not getting any closer to getting inside - plus I was starving. 'Where is there a bloody door that actually works'?... Undaunted, I eventually drilled the entire football field to the double doors facing the parking lot and waddled my way towards the desk I identified myself and requested a room, but was informed by the campus police that the rooms were not available until the following day.... "what?"... I croaked. How could they expect out-of-province athletes to make it to camp?

Frustrated beyond words, I called Coach Clements from the desk; he immediately asked to speak to the gentleman in charge. I passed him the phone and coach immediately began a long loud discourse in what could only be described as a colourful mix of vernacular

and syntax that shocked the student receptionist. He never did get a word in edgewise and when coach hung up he quickly passed me a key, gave me directions to HR1 and off I went... wow, I thought, I like this coach already!

**Peter Wicha**

**Saint Mary's University**

**Varsity Soccer Coach: 1984-1991**

After twenty years at the helm of the Soccer Huskies, Roy Clements stepped down as head coach, paving the way for rookie head coach Peter Wicha to begin his college coaching career.

Wicha played with the Huskies from 1977-80, spent 1981 as an assistant coach and manager, and played his final season in 1982. In 1979, The Saint Mary's Huskies won the AUAA title in a penalty shoot-out at UNB with Wicha being credited with the winning goal ...and the MVP title.



**Peter Wicha**

As rookie coach, Wicha took the Huskies to a respectable 6-0-5 season and worked hard for the next few years to establish a strong program recruiting the best local and Nova Scotia soccer talent. Coaching the King of Donair men's team, as well as leading the Queen Elizabeth High School to a Provincial Champion in 1985 and 1986, certainly helped attract high quality players to the Huskies. Players such as Lewis Page of Chester, Stephen Boyle, Dartmouth, Terry Elles and George Kyreakakos of Halifax along with Antigua import, Cameron Brown,

formed the basis of a true contender. Further support from Ontario recruits, Woody Bailey, Pat Eckert, Roland Furlan and Rick Patel along with Randy Thomas and Todd Field from New Brunswick were just the right additions that eventually made the Huskies a contender for years to come.

Assistant coaches, Stephen Hart (1986) and Martin Shannon (1988-1990), were a great help through the early years along with retired SMU Professor Roman Nahrabecky who served as the team's technical advisor (1987-1991).

By 1987 the Huskies had become a powerhouse finishing with a 10-1-2 record only to be upset in the AUAA playoffs. However, 1988 was one of the most gratifying seasons with Wicha winning his first AUAA Championship with a gutsy 1-0 win over the heavily favoured St. F. X. team. The Huskies lost to McGill in the semi-final on penalties but gained valuable experience in the process.

The 1989 season was Wicha's finest while at SMU with the team setting records in many areas and being ranked in the top five in the QAU all season long. The team scored an AUAA record fifty-one goals during the regular season, finishing with a 10-0-2 record. Defeating Mt. Allison 4-0 in the AUAA semi-final and UNB in the final by the same 4-0 score, gave the Huskies their second AUAA title in a row. [Defeating UCCB 12-0 was also the highest scoring game for any SMU team to date]. The CIAU semi-final saw the Huskies walk over Sir Wilfred Laurier by a similar 4-0 score only to lose to the equally undefeated UBC team by the narrowest of margins: 1-0.

The 1990 edition of the Huskies was still a quality squad but lost a heartbreaker in the AUAA semi-final. The 1991 season began as a major rebuilding year with the Huskies missing full attention to his administrative duties as Principal of Saint Patricks-Alexandra School.

Wicha's Huskies Soccer Camp of Champions attracted hundreds to the SMU campus over the years and helped raise funds that would benefit the SMU Varsity program for many years to come. The International Indoor Soccer tournaments held at the Tower/Homburg Centre were some of the most popular in Eastern Canada, attracting teams from Eastern USA, Quebec and Atlantic Provinces. The Soccer Huskies gained respect from most teams and Universities by promoting the game of soccer at every opportunity with team posters, fundraising and recruiting.

### Men's Varsity Program: Soccer

Wicha-coached soccer teams in eight seasons from 1984 to 1991 compiled an impressive record of sixty-two wins, twenty-seven losses and twenty-two ties in 111 games. They won the AUAA title on two occasions (1988, 1989) and a silver medal in the CIS championships in 1989.

In that same year Wicha was named Coach-of-the-Year. He played for SMU for five seasons from 1977-1980 and 1982, winning an MVP Award in his final year. He is the only former student-athlete to also be Team Manager, Assistant-Coach and Head Varsity Coach in any sport. He also coached the SMU Track Team for a half-dozen years.

He has coached winning teams at all levels of soccer within the community of greater Halifax: Youth club teams, Junior High and Senior High School, as well as at the Senior level. His coaching career has spanned thirty-four seasons.

Peter earned three degrees from Saint Mary's University; formerly taught for the Halifax District School Board and is currently principal of Fairview Junior High within the amalgamated Regional School Board. He is married to Kim (MacDonald); they have two daughters, Shareen and Jana.



**1988 AUS Men's Soccer Championship Team**

## Men's Varsity Program: Soccer

### Stewart Galloway: Head Coach, Men's varsity Soccer Saint Mary's University: 1992 - present Dave Murphy

Webster's dictionary defines dedication as "*Committed to a cause, ideal or purpose*". They could just have easily substituted a picture of Stewart Galloway, who for the past twenty years has unselfishly dedicated his time, heart and incredible coaching abilities to the men's soccer program at Saint Mary's University. Stewart is listed as the 'part-time' coach of men's soccer. That's simply administrative jargon for what is the full-time responsibility for coaching, recruiting, financial accountability, team travel fund-raising - and the academic success of his student-athletes. Sounds much like those listed for a full time coach? It is only the pay that is embarrassingly low. When I was Athletics Director at Saint Mary's my best days were when I could watch Stewart ply his coaching talents and enjoy yet another win; the worst involved an annual meeting when I had to sit with him and inform him what the team budget was and what his stipend would be. That is when I understood the real meaning of dedication and commitment.



Stewart Galloway has impeccable soccer credentials. Early in his soccer career he was chosen to attend elite training in the English Premier League. After a year in England he returned to Canada and enrolled in Commerce at the University of New Brunswick. While there he became an AUAA All-Star, AUAA MVP and an All-Canadian soccer player. But more importantly he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business Administration. After university Stewart enjoyed a professional soccer career playing in the CSL for the Winnipeg Fury and the Nova Scotia Clippers, and fortunately when his playing days ended, Stewart was on the East Coast, so began his coaching career as only the fourth coach of men's soccer at Saint Mary's

University. At this time he was also playing and coaching in the senior men's soccer league in Halifax.

1992 marked Stewart's first year as head coach of the soccer team at Saint Mary's; the team performed well, posting a 7-2-2 record. In 1994 they posted an 8-2-2 record and Stewart was named the AUAA Coach-of-the-Year, winning this prestigious award four more times in 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2005. He has been also named the CIS Coach-of-the-Year in 1994 and 2001. During his time at Saint Mary's he accumulated 150 wins, seven Atlantic University Championships, two CIS Silver and one CIS Bronze medal at the National Championships. This has been done while holding a full time position with Assante Capital Management. Stewart has also become a husband to Karla and they enjoy two daughters, Grace and Annie. I also have learned the definition of organizational skills and time management: his players dare not complain about assignments being due or course loads as they see what their coach and mentor juggles on a daily basis - and *he* is never late for a practice or unprepared for a game.

There are many markers with which to judge the efficacy of a varsity coach. The most obvious is the win-loss record. Stewart has more wins than any coach in the history of SMU soccer. Personal honours and championships, he has all of those. However, the markers Stewart would prefer are those that relate to the academic success and maturation of his players into fine young men who succeed in society. I was fortunate enough to have traveled with the soccer team to the CIS National Championships in Montreal, Edmonton and Vancouver; those trips generally encompassed five days on the road and being in close quarters with the team. Everywhere we went the team was well-dressed, well-mannered and great ambassadors for the University, and I received much unsolicited praise on the deportment of these young men. I heard more than once and at each venue, 'those are the nicest and most polite team we have ever had in this establishment'. This is a reflection of the true *life coaching*, which Stewart passes on to his team.

Another marker is loyalty: Stewart's players are loyal to him and this is probably best seen in his assistant coaches. Fernando Lucas, a former player and team captain under Stewart, has been at his side as assistant coach for eleven years; he too is a father and restaurant owner, but volunteers his time to the team. The latest edition as a volunteer assistant is Mesut Mert, a former player, team captain and professional soccer player in Calgary and Montreal. He also followed the call of his coach to assist in the formation of a strong, competitive soccer team. It is this player loyalty, which marks the true success of the man and his program.

When I told Stewart that I would be writing about him for this edition, I asked him if there is anything he would like me to say. He responded, "Just make sure you tell them there were some great players who sacrificed their time and did great things". Humility is another of Stewart's attributes. I do not know how Saint Mary's was so lucky to land and keep such a dedicated coach and person as Stewart Galloway.

In addition to the many accolades bestowed on Stewart Galloway during his time at the helm of the Varsity Men's soccer program, many of his players have been acknowledged for their excellence on the soccer pitch. AUS All-Star status was bestowed on the following players between 1992-2010: Chris Coulter, Fernando Lucas, Chris Harrison, Idris Mert, Chris Devlin, Dan Fournier, Mesut Mert, Ilay Robinson, Tim Mullen, Andreas Atkins, Mathew Bolton, Danny Worthington, Paul Pippard, Carlos Lauriero, Tim Mullen, Brad Kickham, Blake Geddis, Ryan Devereaux, Eduardo Farias, Matt D'Angelo, Tariq Sheikh, Ilay Gorgorza, Matt Hogg, Kristin Kirindsh, Perry Harvey, Brian Little, Hugh Mosher, Istvan Lakner, Danny Bachar, Jonathan McNeil, Tilman Sievrling and Matt Sun. George Kyreakakos, Lewis Page, Chris Devlin, Tim Mullen, Ilay Robinson, Mesut Mert, Carlos Lauriero, Ryan Devereaux, Matt D'Angelo, Matt Hogg, Ilay Gorgorza, Eduardo Farias, Istvan Lakner and Jonathan McNeil, were all recognized as CIS All-Canadians.

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many of his players have been acknowledged. Kevin Devereaux, Mesut Mert (twice), Lewis Page and George Kyreakakos were all chosen as AUS MVFs. In 2001 and 2003 Mesut Mert<sup>1</sup> was the CIS Male Soccer Player-of-the-Year and Giuseppe Sechilone was honoured with the CIS Male Soccer Student-athlete and Community Service Award in 2009.

It's no wonder coach Galloway was so proud of these young student-athletes.



**Mesut Mert**



**Elvir Gigolaj, 2011-12**

The latest escapades of Elvir Gigolaj is another story of success, as he went on a torrid scoring spree during the 2011 AUS Championships, which saw SMU emerge undefeated this year in regional playdowns; he continued his great play during the first two rounds of the nationals, helping SMU advance to the CIS finals, where they not only represented the university and the conference well, but claimed silver medal status<sup>2</sup> for the third time. The team lost only the gold medal game to the University of Victoria Vikes by a 3-1 score, with Elvir tallying the only Saint Mary's goal.

During those five single round knockout games in AUS and CIS playoffs, Elvir scored an incredible nine (9) goals, three of them game winners and two in overtime in the CIS semi-final against the Alberta Golden Bears. After the end of the season he signed a professional contract with FC Edmonton of the Canadian PSL. We wish him well in his chosen career! [Ed.]

1. Mesut Mert, was twice selected as Saint Mary's Male Athlete-of-the-Year (in 2002; and in 2004 as a co-recipient with basketball All-Star Gabe Goree). In 2005, Ryan Devereaux also had this distinction.

2. A photo of SMU 2011-12 QS Silver Medal-winning Men's Soccer Team (in living colour) is located on page 320 of this publication in the 2011-12 Season Recap.

## Saint Mary's Varsity Hockey Program

### A brief history: 1951-1965

Paul Puma

#### The 1950s

The move from Windsor Street to Robie Street was complete and Saint Mary's College was soon to become Saint Mary's University. The Saint Mary's *Journal* of March 30, 1951 contained the following quote: "The move to Robie Street could be enhanced by the development of a more expansive athletic program that would serve effectively as the first step in an effort to increase school spirit at Saint Mary's." Not only did this come to pass, but the growth of the Saint Mary's athletic program soon brought the university to national prominence.

The Saints continued to be the name by which the athletic teams representing the University were called and it wouldn't be until the 1960s that University teams would be called the "Huskies".



**Marty Barry, wearing Detroit Red Wings uniform.**

The Saint Mary's Hockey Saints of the 1950s (often referred to as the Santamarians) attained commendable successes considering the adversity they would have to face. There was really very little continuity in the coaching ranks - between 1951 and 1959 the hockey team had no less than seven different coaches: playing coach Robert "Puddy" Reardon, ex NHL'er Marty Barry, Joey Johnson, local hockey legend "Dugger" McNeill, Father Tyler, Father Elmer MacGillvray and Athletic Director, Bob Hayes. Actually, in the 1953-4 season the hockey team went through three coaches: Barry, Tyler and Reardon. It

would be no better in the early sixties with three coaches in the first three seasons.

The University had an enrolment of less than four hundred students and relied heavily on local high school recruits and a handful of players with junior hockey experience. Although there was a great deal of hockey talent in and around Halifax in the 1950s, there still was the Catholic-Protestant 'divide' of the day that would limit the number of players attending Saint Mary's. This would create a major problem for the hockey team on many occasions, and that was especially evident during the league playoffs in 1953 when the Saint Mary's team had to withdraw due to injuries and a shortage of players.

Numerous coaching changes and small university enrolment were not the only challenges facing the hockey program in the 1950s. A limited athletic budget and the absence of university-based hockey arena for practice and league play, were also detrimental to the overall success of the hockey program. Ironic, isn't it, that in 2011 the hockey program still faces these same two problems ... hockey is still is an expensive game.

Throughout the nineteen-fifties the hockey team played in the H&D Senior League and the Inter-collegiate League, including a few years when the team played in both leagues in the same year. In the 1952-53 hockey season, Saint Mary's voted to stay out of the Intercollegiate League, disagreeing with the rule forbidding Intercollegiate players from playing in non-Intercollegiate leagues. Those rules changed over time and on different occasions, both in the 50s and 60s.

For example, in 1962-63, many SMU varsity players also played in the newly formed four-team Twin Cities Junior League, with Saint Mary's being well represented on at least three teams... and in the semi-finals, which pitted Dartmouth People's Jewelers against the Halifax-based Town & Country, there were about eight or more varsity players populating those two teams.

1. Marty Barry passed away in July, 2012, about two weeks before this book was sent to the printer; condolences to his family and friends.

During the 1950s, the Father George Kehoe-coached St. Francis Xavier ("X") hockey teams were considered a Maritime hockey power, attracting talented players from Cape Breton and P.E.I. The Andrea Family was synonymous with the "X" hockey program throughout the 1950s. They also played out of their own "small" rink. The Dalhousie Tigers were also formidable opponents, with their own arena, a much larger student enrolment from which to draw, as well as experienced post-graduate players.

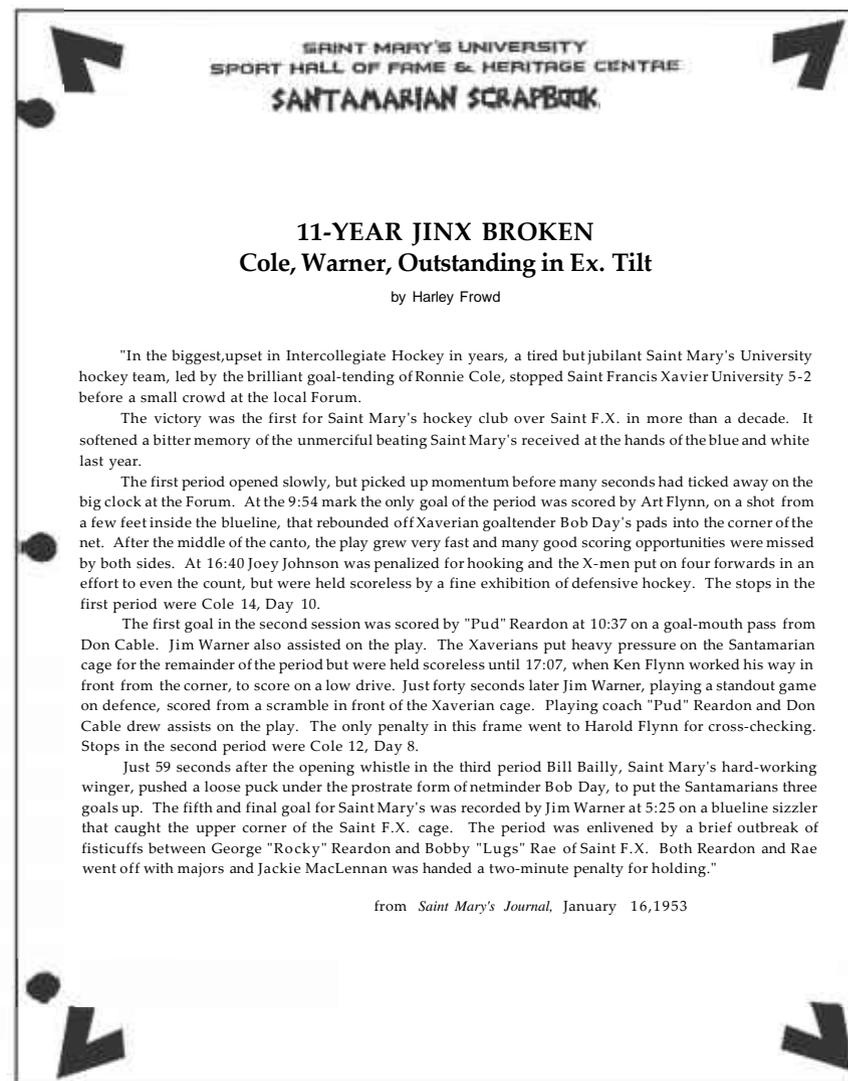
Despite the problems facing the hockey program in the 1950s and the tough competition they were up against, these SMU teams achieved commendable success. The 1951-2 "Puddy" Reardon coached team won the City Intercollegiate hockey championship by virtue of a 6-2 win over Dalhousie, with the team posting a respectable 5-2-1 record. The January 16, 1953 edition of the *Saint Mary's Journal*<sup>1</sup> reported that the Hockey Saints defeated St. F. X. 5-2. This was Saint Mary's first win over "X" in ten years!

The 1950s hockey teams were most fortunate to have a number of gifted goal-keepers. Among them were: Ronnie Cole, Bobby Cashen, Donald "Moe" Muldowney and Reggie MacDougall, a 2006 inductee into the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame.

The 1950s hockey team's had their share of skilled skaters as well. Among them, Jim Warner, an outstanding swift skating, hard shooting defenceman. After leaving Saint Mary's, Jim continued his intercollegiate hockey career while pursuing his Engineering Degree at Nova Scotia Technical College (later known as TUNS and today part of Dalhousie University). Jim went on to score five goals in one game against his former *alma mater*. Playing coach Robert "Puddy" Reardon (to be inducted into SMU Sport Hall of Fame on September 22, 2012), George Reardon, Donald "Ducky" Reardon, Jim O'Regan, Joey Scanlon,

1. See the account of this game in the *Santamarian Scrapbook* — on page opposite right, reprinted from an article in the *Saint Mary's Journal*.)

John Roach, brothers Granville "Bullet" and Carl "Soupy" Kelly, Freddie Gallagher, Bill Baillie, Art Flynn, Jim Sullivan, Ken Kelly, 1954-55 league scoring champ Tommy Hartley, and 1958-59 league scoring champ Bob Dauphinee, as well as Wayne Keddy were all major contributors to the successes of the Saint Mary's hockey program during the 1950s and on into the early sixties.



1958-59 Saint Mary's Varsity Hockey Team



Unfortunately, we do not know the names of all of these players as the photograph was rather degraded when received.

However, it was Bob Hayes' first year as coach and he is flanked by the goalkeepers, Dave Cashen (L) and Reg MacDougall (R).

Seated in front (far left) is Bob Dauphinee (Captain)) with 'Soupie' Kelly to his right, with perhaps Clary Hemming to Reggie's right?

Standing: third from left is Bill Gorman, then Roy Velemirovich, followed by Gerry Power, but the rest are unidentified, until we reach Mike Driscoll on the far right. Both Wayne Keddy and Jim Sullivan played for this team as far as we know; can you identify them or name the others?



Craig Haskins



SMU keeper saves against Dal



1997 Huskies, #22 on the attack



Bob Warner

### The 1960s

#### Frank Mitchell

(with contributions from Mike Doherty, Paul Puma and Dennis Gates)

The 1960-61 season saw Saint Mary's University Athletic teams being called the Huskies for the first time. This name change occurred as a result of a student vote, although the Huskie Athletic Logo did not actually materialize until 1984. The origin of the athletic logo is a story in itself and was explicated in an earlier chapter within this publication (pp.125).

#### 1960-61

The Bob Hayes-coached hockey Huskies, started the season strong, with a 4-1 victory over "X" at the old Dal rink. The Huskies finished third in league play, defeating Dal 11-9 in a two-game total goal series, but fell to "X" in the final series. The season was high-lighted by the sensational play of goaltender Dave Cashen, now a junior, as well as scoring sensation, senior Wayne Keddy. Playing mostly backup for two years, Cashen had emerged from the shadow of SMU Hall of Famer, Reggie MacDougall, to lead the Huskies that season. A fine gentleman, Cashen was accorded the title "Mr. *Hockexj*" by the university fan base ... and he received numerous citations in the local newspapers (*Chronicle-Herald* and *The Journal*) of the day, which by the way, and, although rare, were also quick to comment on any less-than-stellar goal being scored upon him. It was not a love-fest by the media, but the accolades far outweighed any negative comments, with "brilliant, outstanding and stellar" being the adjectives most often applied to Cashen's play.

Other players that year included seniors Wayne Keddy and limmy Sullivan, who sometimes played together, as both were high-scoring line mates with the Fairview Aces minor and funior 'A' teams in the later 50s, teams that had won three Maritime titles in six years. Carl (Soupy) Kelly), noted for his famous slap-shot, was in his last year; and Claire Campbell, a

rookie in 1960, would be the veteran presence by 1964; Reg Ryan and Tony Manning from Newfoundland played well on a line - sometimes with Keddy - but the former were especially noted for their sterling penalty-killing performances. Tony Demers (a rookie), Bill Wall (another Newfie from Grand Falls) and lean Guy Labris formed another line. The latter were initially chosen primarily as a strong checking line, but always played aggressively and gave the opposition all they could handle, while contributing to the scoring. Other notables on the forward lines, included seniors Kenny Kelly and slick stick handler and deft scorer, Clary Hemming; the always optimistic team cheerleader, Bill Gorman; and Ed (Buddy) Garrigan.

On defence was John Kelleher, football All-Star and the only American on the squad; and Dick Connolly, who was often paired with rookie sensation Dennis Gates, a tough shot-blocking defenceman fresh from the Memorial Cup wars with the independent Halifax Junior 'A' Kingfishers team. Gates would be awarded the first ever Rookie-of-the-Year award for all SMU sports teams at the end of the school year. He truly was the most consistent player for the Huskies '60-'61 squad, and although *The Journal* applauded Gates as a shoo-in for the team's most valuable player, there was no such formal award in the 1960s. Both Gerry Power and Roy Velomirovich had moved on after the '59-'60 season, leaving a hole in the defense. However, in addition to the veteran Connolly and Gates, along came the ever-solid rookies, Dennis Naugle and Rene Rivard, the latter also making a contribution as a penalty-killer.



**Dennis Gates, 1961**  
(*The Journal*)

The team had a good season and rebounded from early losses to Dalhousie and Saint Francis Xavier, games they would avenge in their rematches in Halifax. They also won three of four games against the navy teams of Stadacona and Shearwater. During the intercollegiate season they would split games against 'X'

(defeating them 4-1 in December) and Dalhousie, whom they would also meet in the NS Collegiate League semi-final, defeating them twice by a single goal to win the two-game total goal series 11-9, earning the right to meet SFXU. They lost that final series to the perennial powerhouse from Antigonish, making 'X' the league champions once again.

### Newfoundland Trip:

One special highlight of the year was an exhibition trip to Newfoundland for a series of four games against three teams within a week over the Christmas Break, some on back-to back nights against different teams: Gander All-Stars, Saint John's and the Conception Bay Cee-Bees in the rough and tumble Newfoundland Senior League. The result was an overall draw - with SMU's record of one win, one loss and two ties, but it was great experience well remembered some fifty years later. It is important to note that four of the 1960-61 SMU players hailed from Newfoundland. All four games were exciting and dose ... and are well-described in a special Athletic Year Book for 1960-61. However, it was also memorable for some fascinating social activities

## "Huskies" Register 7-4 Win

**GANDER, Nfld. (CP)-Jim Sullivan scored three goals to lead St. Mary's University Huskies of Halifax to a 7-4 victory over Gander All-Stars in an exhibition hockey league game here Friday night.**

**Sullivan scored once in the first and twice in the second as the Huskies won their first game in four starts on an exhibition trip in Newfoundland. They tied St. John's All-Stars in their first game, tied Conception Bay Cee-bees in their second and lost to the Ceebees Thursday night.**

**The game was tied 2-2 at the end of the first period and 3-3 going into the third.**

**Other St. Mary's scorers were Keddy with a pair, Gorman and Manning. Carl Kelly was also a standout, picking up four assists.**

**The Santamarians were strong defensively, particularly in the third period, holding off the Gander squad while playing with two men in the penalty box.**

**Source: Canadian Press wire, 1961**

and the night one of the cast-iron radiators blew up in on a bitterly cold night in a less-than-upscale motel... It is hard *not* to remember that night chuckled Dennis Gates, who kept a small scrapbook of memorabilia related to that trip. As Dave Cashen was with his family over the holidays, ex-SMU keeper, Reggie MacDougall, still in Halifax, taking an Education Degree, played goal in this series.

A second memorable event occurred at the Saint Mary's Annual Awards on April 24, 1961 when the guest speaker was none other than Roy "Red" Story, the acclaimed veteran NHL referee. As usual, Story was "interesting, amusing and educational", but when the tone turned to more serious matters his advice to the young people gathered there was to "get your degree first ... [my own] lack of a degree has forced me to turn down many good opportunities...." Sound advice in any age!

After reading all available reports and write-ups, it seems that the team's overall record for the year was a very respectable and successful 10-6-2. But as they say, if it's not a championship year, it's a building year.

### 1961-62

The next edition of the hockey Huskies participated in both the Atlantic Hockey Conference and the Intercollegiate Hockey League during the season, With a dozen or more rookies in the lineup and only a handful of experienced players it was definitely a "building year" for the hockey Huskies.

That Huskies' bumper crop of rookies included forwards Claude Comeau, Paul Ouellette, Dave Dunphy, Mike Donovan, Bill West and Terry Cooper; goal-keeper Frank Mitchell; while most of the defensive corps were also new to Saint Mary's: Don Clark and Neil Fitzpatrick, both from Newfoundland; John Dean from St. Patrick's High; with Dennis Naugle and Jack Lovett from Dartmouth. Only a few players remained from the previous season, including sophomores Claire Campbell, Buddy Garrigan, and defensive stalwart Dermis Gates, as well as seniors, captain



Wayne Keddy (R - in Dal uniform), Don Hark (L), with Dave Cashen making the save. This was prorto his injury in 1961 at Studley Arena.

Tony Manning, Jean Guy Labris, and netminder, Dave Cashen. Most of these rookies were Maritimers (several from the Halifax high school or junior ranks), New Brunswick and/or Newfoundland, the latter recruited by senior Tony Manning, as well as during an exhibition/promotional trip to the island by the Huskies during the previous season. Memorial University would not be in an AUAA hockey league for many years, while the UNB Redman, Mt. A and others would only join an expanded Maritime University League in 1962-63.

Senior Dave Cashen continued to shine in goal early in the season, alternating with rookie keeper, Frank Mitchell. On Monday, Dec. 2, 1961 the *Mail-Star* headline blared "**D. Cashen Star for Huskies**"... stopping 40 shots in a 4-1 win over the Acadia Axemen, while " *The Journal* announced, "Dave Cashen was the bright light."

Dave started the second game of the season against Dal in early January, but suffered an untimely leg injury when former Santamarian Wayne Keddy crashed into Cashen, wrapping his leg around the goal post and tearing knee tendons (later nets would come off shorter pegs more easily) at the end of the second period of that game in the Dalhousie rink. He was replaced between the pipes by Frank Mitchell. In that game Cashen and Mitchell faced numerous opposition shots and only the stellar play of both kept the game close, until a strong comeback in the third period by SMU made it close. Dal literally hung on for a 4-3 win, with the fourth goal being credited to Keddy, who also collided with Mitchell as he came out of the net to clear the puck, knocking him to the ice, with the puck subsequently bouncing into the net. It was rough night for SMU goalies, especially with the hard-skating Keddy, who had been a star with Saint Mary's during his undergraduate years.

Ironically, in a discussion about the writing of this book during a chance meeting in 2011, Wayne Keddy commented that Father Hennessey had approached him after that particular game and asked why he waited until he played for Dal before he scored the hat-trick against SMU. Wayne politely reminded the good Father that he indeed had scored a few hat-tricks while playing with Saint Mary's, but acknowledged that it was likely just good-natured ribbing by the revered Reverend Hennessey.

Cashen's knee injury was so severe that he missed the remainder of the regular season, with Mitchell playing all games in both the Nova Scotia Intercollegiate League and the Atlantic Hockey Conference. In a quirk of fate, just as Cashen was recovering and began to practice with the team (wearing a knee brace), the regular season ended and Saint Mary's entered the semi-finals against Acadia, when Mitchell sustained an injury blocking a shot that resulted in a pinched nerve in his right elbow and was forced to withdraw at the end of the first period with Acadia leading 2-1. As had occurred many months earlier, the roles were reversed with Cashen taking over in goal. Dave was still wearing a knee brace, but played well, keeping the game close. Dave also played the final game the next day, a 1-0 loss to

Acadia in which opposing goaltenders were superb ... Cashen, like an old warhorse, endured despite discomfort... living up to an earlier honour bestowed upon him in 1960 as *Mr. Hockexj*.

In a loss against N. S. Tech on January, 16, the *Mail-Star* sports section quote began, "Only the fine work of Frank Mitchell kept the score at a respectable level. Mitchell seemed to be right in front of every Tech drive as he stopped 43 shots, many of them coming on breakaways." When asked about the game, Mitchell wryly noted that two of those shots that night were inadvertently stopped by his face in the era before face-masks were worn; the rule mandating helmets and face masks were initiated that same year within the Intercollegiate League.

Dalhousie was ineligible for Intercollegiate play that year with many graduate students (5<sup>th</sup> year or more) on their team, but played in the Atlantic Conference along with Nova Scotia Technical College (also a virtually all-graduate team when varsity play only permitted four years of eligibility), the naval teams of Shearwater and Stadacona, plus, of course, the Saint Mary's Huskies. Acadia had also returned to the Intercollegiate League to join St. F. X. and SMU, so there were seven teams in two leagues.

SMU was by far the youngest team in either league, but during this rugged schedule, they improved markedly throughout the season and were highly competitive during the second half of the year. Early in the year, the rookie-laden Saint Mary's squad lost a series of games by rather wider margins, but in the second half they won several games, and only lost one regular season game by more than one goal during that period, with two ties 'on the road', actually outscoring opponents goal for goal in the spring of 1962, including one memorable game against the X-Men, the previously unbeaten powerhouse. The latter dropped only one point all season in a 2-2 late season tie with SMU at home in Antigonish.

Saint Mary's played perhaps their best game of the season with Mitchell stopping twenty-three shots in the first period to keep the game scoreless. In the second period and throughout most

of the third SMU matched X with great passing plays, superb checking and a stellar shot-blocking defense (the goalkeeper and defense stopped fifty plus shots that night), and held a slim 2-1 lead over the previously undefeated Antigonish crew.

With a penalty assessed against Saint Mary's at the 18-minute mark of the third period, the X goalie was pulled for a two-man advantage, and with play-making standout (possessing a wicked blueline shot) Wayne Synisfun quarter-backing the power-play, St. F. X. scored with a mere thirty seconds left on the clock to tie the game ... after four consecutive shots were blocked by netminder Mitchell, Dean and Gates, the latter both great shot-blocking defencemen... the fifth one went into the net. It was pandemonium in Antigonish with the ice being littered with all imaginable paraphernalia ... X's undefeated season was preserved! It was a heart-breaking turn of events, but at the time seemed to bode well for future SMU teams, as a nearly all-rookie team had equaled a team laden with varsity juniors and seniors, one that would later defeat the vaunted Toronto Marlies in an exhibition game in that old boxy Antigonish arena.

Mitchell had backstopped the Halifax Bruins, who had lost the provincial juvenile title in sudden-death overtime in that same rink a year earlier ... it was tough place in which to win ... and a long drive home in those days. Fifty years later he is philosophical: "We wanted to win so badly ... it was a great team effort... the team had gelled as the season progressed and we looked forward to the next season As fate would have it, X's undefeated year was preserved ... perhaps it was meant to be (for them). But with that game everyone looked forward to the next season" [St. F. X. would post a perfect (no losses or ties) season in 1965-66 at 14-0-0, and were only surpassed by SMU in 1972-73 with a 21-0-0 record according to AUS records. Only five teams according to CIS records have posted a perfect season in varsity hockey. Ed.]

According to snippets from the papers of the day, gleaned by researcher Mike Doherty, in a sixteen game season the team overall record was a modest four wins, ten losses and two ties, but with six of the ten losses recorded being by a single goal.

**1962-63: another year of major changes...**

The hockey Huskies participated in the Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey League, which had expanded to include UNB, Saint Thomas, and Mount Allison from New Brunswick, plus Saint Dunstan's (later the UPEI Panthers ) from Prince Edward Island. Although the team lost several players to graduation, they had finished the previous season on a high note and with many players heading into their sophomore year prospects looked bright for the team in subsequent years. However, it was not to be! While only four former players had graduated, six rookie forwards from '61-62 did not return to SMU in September.

But early on, several unrelated issues cost the team a handful of important players. First an eligibility issue sidelined veteran defenceman Don Clark, so he took over from Bob Hayes as coach after the season began, while other unfortunate episodes caused several starters to leave the varsity team for a variety of reasons, and subsequently

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returned home or played hockey in other leagues, including Junior 'A'.

Those incidents left the team without an experienced varsity goalkeeper and a somewhat depleted cadre of skaters. Only a solid defensive corps with experience remained in the presence of Gates, Dean, Lovett, Naugle and Fitzpatrick, although senior Reg Ryan had returned to the team as well. Rookie Len Hampton, who took over in goal after the season began, performed ably in that position. However, the team had to reinvent itself yet again, finding itself with seven rookie skaters for the third year in a row, including Bob Matthews, Dave Stull, Adrian Smith, Pat Reardon and Jack Radford (a star scorer with several Dartmouth teams), along with A1 Keith (a future Hall of Fame football player and coach) on defence with football teammate Leo Raferty. Unfortunately the team went winless that year, earning only a 3-3 tie against Nova Scotia Tech in twelve games.

**1963 TEAM PHOTO<sup>1</sup>:**  
**Reading from left to right:**  
**Front Row:** Neil Fitzpatrick,  
 John Dean, Len Hampton  
 (goal), Leo Raferty, Claire  
 Campbell, Adrian Smith and  
 Dave Stull. **Back Row:**  
 Don Clark, coach, Bob  
 Matthews, Reg Ryan, Pat  
 Reardon, Dennis Naugle,  
 A1 Keith, Jack Radford, Jack  
 McCarthy, manager and Jim  
 Byrne. **Missing:** Dennis  
 Gates, Jack Lovett....

(1,2. Photos scanned from the 1962-3 & 1963-4 Saint Mary's Yearbooks.

The 1963-64 Hockey Huskies faced yet another coaching change; McCusker was brought in to coach and the team improved, finishing with a respectable four-win, eight-loss season. McCusker also served as the Dean of Residence at Saint Mary's, but as quickly as he arrived he was gone after only one year. Defensive standout Dennis Gates and the 1963 Junior A' MVP, goalkeeper Frank Mitchell, had withdrawn from full-time attendance at SMU in '63-64 for personal/ family reasons and when they returned a year later the varsity hockey program was no more.

and Claire Campbell comprised the veteran presence on the 1963-64 team. Rookies Howie Hasiuck, Ron Smythe and freshman goaltender Mike Antle, were all impressive in their introductory year of varsity intercollegiate hockey. Other newcomers on that squad included Kev MacCormack, Bob Belliveau, Wayne Murray, Barry LaCombe, team manager Chris Donahoe and football standout Bob Ruotolo, who had played goal in high school... and was the backup netminder that year. Bob started in one game and recorded a shutout, so the football Hall of Famer batted, as they say, 1000 in the nets.

Varsity football players A1 Keith and Leo Raferty along with stalwart defencemen Dermis Naugle, slick skating Jack Radford, Bill West

While the first two years of the sixties saw full rosters of twenty-man teams, the last two years saw the Huskies fielding as few as fifteen skaters in far too many games, which made it even tougher as the game progressed.



**2 Front Row:** Chris Donahoe, Bill West A1 Keith, Mike Antle, Dennis Naugle, Wayne Murray, A. W. 'Berf McCusker (coach).  
**Back Row:** Kev MacCormack, Jack Lovett, Leo Raferty, Claire Campbell, Ron Symthe, Barry LaCombe, Jack Radford, Bob Belliveau, Lauren DeYoung. Missing: Howie Hasiuk, Bob Ruotolo....

By the end of 1964 the hockey program was missing three important features:

1. **Consistent coaching** - with three different persons at the helm in three years (an issue that had impacted earlier teams as well);
2. A drastically **weakened recruiting program** which left SMU with few or no recruits from New Brunswick (viz, UNB's, Mt. Allison and Saint Thomas's entry into the newly expanded Maritime Intercollegiate League) or Newfoundland, which along with players from the Metro-Halifax region, had been the mainstay of the teams in the late 50s to early 60s; and...
3. **The absence of a rink on campus**, which became even more critical as practice time dried up at Dalhousie and the distance to Shearwater became both expensive and time-consuming.

Ironically those were the same issues that plagued the team throughout the 1950s and would impact them again in the late 1980s. The issue of hockey as an expensive sport has always been a difficult mountain to climb, although the fund-raising abilities of the current Varsity Ice-hockey Program and the Ice Dogs has been commendable, while the drawing power of the high quality AUS hockey at the revamped Halifax Forum has made a great difference today. And might we suggest, so has the consistent and quality coaching provided by Trevor Stienburg.

After the 1963-64 hockey season the Varsity hockey program would be withdrawn from intercollegiate play, only to be revived for the 1967-68 season after the building of a university rink and the arrival of legendary hockey coach, Bob Boucher, who with his experience and extensive connections, revamped the recruiting program to become more national in scope.

Perhaps, the only bonus in the two intervening years was that inter-faculty hockey flourished with the lack of a varsity team in 1965-67, both as a result of having a rink on campus and the competition provided by having some future and ex-varsity players on most teams. Recreational skating also thrived during these years.



**1958 BONUS PHOTO: Danny Gullivan, famed CBC Radio hockey commentator telling story with future NHL Hall of Famer, Montreal Canadiens' defencemen Doug Harvey listening, amused? In the back, (L-R) are Coach Frank Baldwin, Bob Hayes, AD and Bert Olmstead, a classy forward with Les Habitants.**  
[Photo, circa 1958; photographer unknown; courtesy SMU Athletics Dept.]

## The Boucher Years: 1967-1980

Chuck LeCain

Could anyone have imagined that when Bob Boucher skated on the ice for the first time in September 1967, in then a very new Alumni



**Bob Boucher**  
(from the Bob Boucher Hockey assistance Fund web site)

Arena, that an intercollegiate dynasty was about to begin. Bob Boucher's no nonsense coaching style coupled with a wide assortment of talented players with assorted backgrounds, helped foster a winning tradition at Saint Mary's that few intercollegiate teams have ever rivaled.

The statistics, including an unprecedented AUAA/CIAU/CIS record of 231-33-4, as impressive as they may be, shed very light on the history of those years.

Throughout the 1968-72 seasons, the Huskies were comprised of High School players, (Fraughton, Boswick, Martin, LeCain), Major Junior Players (CTByrne, Dymtruk, Bossy), a national Team player (Bayes), Minor Pro players (Goddard, Hindson, Hebert, Warner, Murray, Mullins, Quinn) some who had four or five years of pro experience, a former NHL player in Lowell MacDonald, and an assortment of other players from senior leagues to lesser junior leagues (Ripley, Cameron, Dickey, Maxwell), many who had simply fallen through the cracks of the hockey system. Player's with hockey dreams ahead of them, as well as players with dreams behind them.

The age range spanned eighteen to twenty-eight years, marital status from single to married, some with young families, others, 18 year old bachelors. Education varied wildly, from gifted students who had never been out of school, to others who lacked both recent educational experience as well as confidence.

The economic situation these players found themselves in, ranged from those from well-to-do families, to those who were trying to be a student-athlete as well as the head of a young family.

Culturally, the team had players from two different countries and seven different provinces. English was not every player's first language. Racially the team had three African Nova Scotians (Blacks) in the lineup, as well as one aboriginal Canadian.

With a coach who understood the eclectic nature of his team, and players who always had high expectations, anything but a National Championship for Saint Mary's would seem a failure, as the team became a dominating force in intercollegiate hockey over the next decade.

A former player noted that Boucher was "known as a strategist and a motivator who always got the most out of his players game in and game out."

### 1967-68

During the first season 1967-68 season the team compiled a 12-4 record losing out to St. Francis Xavier in the playoffs. Mike Hornby won the league scoring race with sixteen goals and thirty-five assists (league record) for a fifty-one (51) point total. Roddy Bossy was a league all-star finishing second in the scoring race with twenty-five goals and twenty-four assists for forty-nine (49) points.

On January 8, 1968 the *Montreal Gazette* reported that Bossy, a third year Engineering Student at SMU was named to the MIHC first half All-Star team; Bossy was a Montreal native.

After the first season 1967-68, when Saint Mary's bowed out to the St. F. X. in the MIAA playoffs, the Saint Mary's Huskies were about to embark on a streak of a streak of seven consecutive league (MIAA, AIAA) championships. The Huskies would go on to the National Championships, and in five consecutive years appeared in the Championship game against the University of Toronto varsity Blues.

After the inaugural season the Huskies returned a number of vital veterans, including Brian O'Byrne, Roddy Bossy, Carl Boswick, and Rick Fraughton. Added to this well established group were rookies Tim Ripley, Ken Martin, Chuck LeCain, Jim Dickey, Jerry Cameron all players that would remain in the Huskie lineup for the next four seasons.

### 1968-69<sup>1</sup>

This Boucher team finished in second place recording a 13-5 record in the standings and then went on to win its first MIAA championship. At its first National Championship appearance hosted by the University of Alberta in Edmonton, the Huskies would record their first victory. In addition Brian O'Byrne was the first Huskie to be awarded a position on the National All-Star Team.



**Chuck LeCain<sup>1</sup>,**  
circa 2009

Rod Bossy was the MIHC scoring champ that season with forty-six points, five shy of Mike Hornby's record of the previous season, and only three less than his own 1967-68 total.

### 1969-70 MIAA Champions

#### National Championships (Charlottetown)

The team added a number of talented players for the 1969-70 season, most notably Ed Hebert, Ron Hindson, John Murray, Billy McNally, Dennis Murphy and Chuck Goddard. Early in the season former NHL player Lowell MacDonald also joined the Huskies, but was later declared ineligible by the CIAU.

During this season the Huskies hosted the New Haven Blades of the EHL in a two game exhibition series at the

1. The author of this segment of the hockey story on the Boucher years, Chuck LeCain, was a goalkeeper on early Boucher teams and compiled an impressive 3.08 GAA in 13 games during the 1968-69 season. [Ed.]

Halifax Forum. The Huskies dropped the first game 3-2 but went on to win the second game 7-5; those were two very exciting games.

The 1969-70 Huskies again finished in first place with a 15-1-2 record and won the MIAA.

In the league playoffs the Huskies defeated a very determined Saint Francis Xavier team. The Huskies went on to the National Championships hosted in Charlottetown and made their first appearance in the national championship game against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. The Huskies lost the national championship 3-2 in a heartbreaking game. Chuck Goddard was named CIAU MVP for his performance at the tournament giving up only four goals in four games. Goddard was also named to the All-Star team. SMU defencemen John Murray and Brian O'Byrne were also named to the CIAU All-Star team.

### 1970-71 AIAA Champions

#### National Championships (Sudbury)

After the disappointing loss in the national championship game in the previous season the Huskies returned more determined than ever. Added to the already strong returning roster the likes of Richie Bayes, Dale Turner, Mike Ford, Steve Dymtruk, and Larry Curry would make the Huskies a powerful team with which to reckon.

The 1970-71 edition of the team won the league championship with an impressive 17-1-0 record and again won the playoffs defeating the Dalhousie Tigers 7-1 at the Halifax Forum in front of more than 4,000 loyal fans. The Huskies went on to the National Championships hosted in Sudbury, Ontario. At Sudbury the Huskies recorded victories against the Laurentian Voyageurs, with Carl Boswick scoring two goals, to once again put them in the National Championship game against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. After leading the game 3-1 going into the third period the Huskies lost

5-4, the second consecutive year of a one goal loss in the national championship game. Ron Hindson was named the tournament MVP and both Ron Hindson and Chuck Goddard were named to the National All-Star team.

### **1971-72 AIAA Champions National Championships (Sherbrooke)**

The 1971-72 season got under way with much anticipation as a strong returning group of players were bolstered with the arrival of a number of very talented players. Bob Warner, Mike Quinn, Randy Crowell, Bob Mullins and Ray Monette would become major contributors to the Huskie program.

Once again the Huskies cruised to their fourth consecutive league title with a record of 15-2. In the playoffs the Huskies defeated the UPEI Panthers 7-1 to win the AIAA Championship and earn their ticket to the National Tournament hosted in Sherbrooke, Quebec. The Huskies won their first game 4-1 over York and defeated Loyola in their second game putting them into the National Championship game. Their opponent would once again be, for the third consecutive year, the Tom Watt coached University of Toronto Varsity Blues. The Huskies lost their team Captain and anchor of the defence Tim Ripley with a separated shoulder in the first period. The Huskies would, however, be no match for their nemesis this year as the Blues won 5-0.

### **1972-73 AUAA Champions; Record 21-0-0**

The 1972-73 edition of the Saint Mary's Hockey Huskies was composed of a rich blend of proven college performers, graduates of the Maritime and Ontario junior Hockey circuits, several rookies and several seasoned performers from the Eastern Hockey League.

The Huskies breezed through the regular season undefeated and bested the Moncton Blue Eagles 6-1 for their fourth consecutive AIAA Title. The Huskies topped the Loyola

Warriors 9-6 qualifying them to meet the University of Toronto Blues for the CIAU Championship. Undefeated in 31 games, the Huskies faced off against the defending champions for the fourth year in a row. Entering the third period trailing 3-1, Saint Mary's tried valiantly but lost once again to the University of Toronto Blues 3-2. "We got the breaks and took advantage of our opportunities. We had to respect Saint Mary's, they beat and tied us earlier and they are a tough club," offered Blues' coach Tom Watt after the game.

The 1972-73 squad was one of a small handful of teams in AUS and CIS history to have an undefeated regular season. In fact in the fifty year history of the MIHC/AUAA/AUS only five teams had a 'perfect regular season', with only UWO winning more games (24) and that was during the 2002-3 season. The only other AUS 'perfect season' team was the afore-mentioned SFXU team with 14 wins and no losses in 1965-66.

Although no acceptable quality photo of the team was available from any source researched, this SMU Sport Hall of Fame selection team may be viewed in a coloured sketch by Barbara Dorey on pp. 56-57 of this publication.



**Chuck Goddard**

Members of the 1972-73 team included: Douglas Abbass, Richard Bayes, Richard Bishop, Randy Crowell, Bill Doherty, Steve Dymtryk, Gerard Gibbons, Charles (Chuck) Goddard, Rand Kellock, Dwight Lewis, Bim McFall, Ray Monnette, Robert Mullins, D'Arcy Murphy, David Nowlan, Mike Quinn, Tim Ripley, Gladstone Smith, Rod Smith, Dale Turner, Robert Warner, and Coach Bob Boucher.

What follows are the remaining years and won-loss records for the teams coached by Bob Boucher:

**Year Won-Lost-Tie Season Accomplishment**

1967-68	12-4 -0	MIAA Finalist; lost to St F. X.
1968-69	13-5-0	MIAA Champions; played in Nationals
1969-70	15-1-2	AIAA Champions; National Finals
1970-71	17-1-0	AIAA Champions; National Finals
1971-72	15-2-0	AIAA Champions; National Finals
1972-73	21-0-0	AIAA Champions; National Finals
1973-74	19-2-0	AIAA Champions; National Finals
1974-75	16-1-1	AIAA Champions; National Finals
1975-76	15-1-1	AIAA playoffs
1976-77	16-2-2	AUAA Champions; played in Nationals
1977-78	18-2-0	AIAAplayoffe.
1978-79	15-4-1	AIAAplayoffe.
1979-80	17-10-1	AIAAplayoffe.

**TOTAL: 231 wins - 33 losses - 4 ties (in 13 years)**

**Summary:**

In one dominating nine year stretch (1969-70 to 1976-77) the Huskies accumulated only a grand total of 15 losses; that is, a total of fifteen loses over nine consecutive seasons!

During the Bob Boucher years the Huskies had a record of 231-33-4. They had won seven consecutive AUS Championships, went to the final National Championship game in five consecutive years, a feat only matched in Canadian University Hockey by the one team that beat them, the University of Toronto Blues.

Although a national championship always seemed like the ultimate goal while we were all there, perhaps it never really was the most important or the most lasting aspect of being a Huskie. Perhaps as one Huskie pointed out, "What was, and is worth remembering of those years in my view, was the

eclectic nature of those teams and the genius of Bob Boucher to keep things in perspective, to have a good time, to forge a common purpose and most importantly to develop a team that not only accepted, but appreciated its differences."

Nearly a half century after the last whistle blew in Edmonton former Huskie players of Bob Boucher have formed the 'Bob Boucher Hockey Assistance Fund' aimed at promoting the game of hockey in the memory of their coach. Annual events have raised funds for this worthwhile project and to date numerous players return to reunite and remember their coach, Bob Boucher.



**Coach Bob Boucher, with Philadelphia Flyers jacket.**

Fittingly, at the first Bob Boucher Hockey Assistance Fund Dinner current Huskie Coach Trevor Stienberg who has now coached the Huskies longer



**Championship Ring given to Bob Boucher posthumously,**

than Bob Boucher awarded a CIS Hockey Championship ring posthumously to Bob Boucher for all of his efforts in starting a hockey tradition at Saint Mary's University. Stienberg said that it was the tradition established by the Boucher years that provides the essential motivation for a team to set lofty goals and to succeed.

**Hockey Trivia (40 years or more)...**

The photo to the right has a date of 1968? ... the pennants on the wall are up to 1975? And while there are recognizable players from that year and era, there are also a few ex-SMU and ex-St. Pafs players from 10 years earlier, and a couple of ex-Junior 'A' skaters as well. With Bob Hayes on the left and someone who looks like Laurie Smith on the right, the team resembles an All-star reunion lineup with two complete teams. Note: With 5 netminders and 27 skaters, it could be a tryout or hockey camp, but that is doubtful.

Give us your thoughts!

Was anyone there who knows? [Ed.]



*Today, the 47-year old rink is aging; the ice surface inconsistent, and with little viewing space for fans, a replacement is sorely required. What say you?*

(Above): One of the winning Boucher teams from the 1970s, but which one?

## Reflections on Bob Boucher

Mike Hornby

It was the summer of 1967 and I was fortunate enough to be working in Montreal at Expo '67. The word was out at SMU that a new hockey coach had been hired for a hockey program that had been idle for a few years. When I say idle, I mean that SMU didn't even have a hockey team in the Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey League for the previous three years.

Staying in shape while working in Montreal was a little more challenging than I thought it might be. However, knowing that there was going to be a hockey program at SMU that year provided me with all the required motivation.

The upcoming hockey season of 1967-68 was to be the beginning of a "new" program of hockey excellence at SMU, begun by the recently appointed coach, Bob Boucher.

Bob's hockey background certainly played a prominent role in making him such a great coach. He came from a renowned hockey family, was an all-star player in Junior and was one of the leading scorers on every team he played on. He went on to play in the minor professional leagues, despite a serious eye injury that likely kept him out of the NHL.

The first time I met 'Bouch' at SMU, he was walking around campus with a tennis racquet in his hand, wearing white tennis shorts, a tennis top and sweater hanging over his shoulders. Wow I thought, is this the hockey coach?

The next time we met, he was holding try-outs, only they were for the golf team, not hockey. Wow I thought, is this the hockey coach?

Finally, the day arrived and hockey try outs began. Boucher had a diverse group of players to work with that came from very different hockey backgrounds, with as varied levels of skill.

However, from the first whistle everyone understood that this was someone who knew what he was doing. Wow I thought, this is a hockey coach!

Bob didn't really know what to expect from these players, but he was going to make sure of one thing, "the boys will be in shape". He was able to pare a group of forty plus hopeful players into a team and then proceeded to make us a very competitive SMU hockey team. He was demanding, but he was knowledgeable and, therefore, it was easy to want to play for him. It has been said that he was a "strategist, a motivator and someone who always got the best out of his players".

After a very successful regular season we advanced through the playoffs and ended up in the league finals. Not bad for the first year back in the league!

1967-68 was my senior year at SMU and so I only had Bob for one year as my coach. However, this was just the beginning of great things to come for Saint Mary's hockey program, thanks to Bob Boucher. Under Bob's coaching, the Huskies went on to win many league titles enabling them to compete at the national championships, including in the final game of the those championships.



Personally, I owe a lot to Bob. He had many hockey contacts, which resulted in me getting a professional try out after graduation. Bob prepared me well, enabling me to fulfill a dream I always had as a kid, to play professional hockey.

**Mike Hornby, began his dreams to play professional hockey in Pee-Wee, when he received his first award**

## The Hockey Years from 1980-1997

Paul Puma

The Hockey program appeared to have faltered with the departure of Bob Boucher after the 1979-80 season. There were five Varsity coaches between Bob Boucher and Trevor Stienburg.: Brian CBryne (1980-84), Larry Currie (1985), Randy Nesbitt (1986-88), Norm McCauley (1989-92) and Paul Boutilier (1993-96).

While not as bad as the 50s and 60s, consistency and continuity in coaching was one of the major factors in the success or failure of most varsity teams.

The 1981 O'Bryne-coached hockey Huskies finished with an impressive 16-7-3, win-loss season and the 1988 Randy Nesbitt-coached team finished with an equally respectable 17-8-1 record. The latter represented an increase of ten games won over the previous season and earned coach Nesbitt the AUS Coach-of-the-Year. Unfortunately the 1985 team went winless and the 1983 team had all their wins defaulted when it was discovered that an ineligible player had participated in the program.



Mark Locken (web photo)

Goaltender Mark Locken was likely the most dominant player during these years, earning CIS All-Star status in 1979-80, 1981-82 and 1982-83. Mark was also AUS MVP in the 1981-82 and 1982-83 seasons, as well as the 1982-83 CIS Player-of-the-year. Forward Craig Teople earned CIS All-Star status in 1991-92 and 1993-94, with forward Steve Kluczkowski capturing those honours in 1992-93, as well as AUS MVP during the same

year. Defenceman Mike Kelly did so in 1982-83, while Wayne Morrow was another Hockey Huskie who gained recognition in the 1989-90 season by being chosen AUS MVP

Although there were no Championship teams between 1980 and 1997, the Varsity Hockey program maintained its respectability and continued to be a force with which to be reckoned

## The Trevor Stienburg Years

Paul Puma



On September 7, 2011, I walked into Trevor Stienburg's office to chat with him about his SMU coaching career in varsity hockey. When I arrived he was in conversation with Terry Moore, who had just donated an autographed Jerome Iginla Team Canada jersey for the Huskie's Super Auction. The office reminded me of my own, cluttered, but I'm sure as with me, Trevor knew precisely where everything important was

located. Sitting across from him, it was hard to imagine that this strapping young man had almost succumbed to pancreatitis during the 2008-09 season. I had arrived in his office to talk to him about his coaching successes, the Mike Danton story and other personal achievements. Trevor essentially told me that everything could all be found on the SMU and AUS web sites.

He really wasn't interested in talking to me about what he did, but what the young men that he had coached over years had achieved. Above all he emphasized that these were "good" people. He cited how the hockey program had spearheaded a campaign to raise funds for Sebastion Savage, a University of Moncton hockey player, who had sustained a broken neck. The

Saint Mary's hockey program had raised \$21,000 for Sebastion, while many other Atlantic Universities only contributed smaller amounts, mostly single-game gate receipts. Trevor has been quoted: "Winning ... hockey ... building success ... overcoming challenges ... going to battle together. It's all very meaningful, but there is a bigger picture." The Sebastion Savage donation, as well as a group of hockey Huskies that had traveled to Uganda between 2007-2011 to help build structures for those less fortunate: an orphanage, a girl's dormitory for AIDS orphans, as well as a boy's dormitory and phase one of a school - those were a part of that bigger picture. Trevor spoke fondly of the sacrifices made by players, Chris Morrison, Ron Abarbanel, Jason Await, Cory Chipman, Andrew White, Brad Smith, as well as Huskie football fullback Reed Anderson. Trevor had this to say about these young men: "I could not be prouder of their commitment and sacrifice. Their degree here proves their ability to learn, while the trip to Uganda shows their ability to care and make sacrifices to demonstrate it."

Trevor Stienburg's coaching tenure re-established coaching continuity and re-established a level of respectability within the Saint Mary's Varsity Hockey Program. Between the Bob Boucher era (1967-1979) and the arrival of Trevor Stienburg in the 1997-98 season, the hockey Huskies went through no less than five head coaches and the program had its challenges. Heading into the 2011-12 season, Trevor is currently the longest serving varsity hockey coach in Saint Mary's history as he enters his sixteenth season in 2012-13 as head coach.

Trevor was born in Moskow, Ontario (near Kingston) and played his minor hockey in North Frontenac, an association that struggled with numbers and had a lowly DD rating for placement purposes. Trevor overcame these odds and went on to play Tier Two Junior Hockey in Brockville and Major Junior for the Guelph Platers and London Knights. Trevor was a first round NHL draft-pick, but a series of knee and shoulder injuries stalled his pro career and limited his NHL play to seventy-

one games. In 1994, while playing for the Halifax Citadels, he sustained a career-ending shoulder injury. Fortunately for Saint Mary's, Trevor choose to remain in Halifax and became an assistant coach at Dalhousie - and then after coaching the East Hants Junior "A" Penguins to a championship was rewarded with the head coaching position at Saint Mary's.

The Bob Boucher coached teams posted a remarkable record of 231 wins, 33 losses, and 4 ties. To date Trevor Stienburg-coached teams have posted 212 wins, 164 losses and 22 ties in regular season play and a 34-30 won-lost record in playoffs. The Boucher coached teams won eight AUS Championships, while Stienburg players coached teams have won three to this point in time, and captured the 2009-10 CIS Championship<sup>1</sup>, something that the tough Tom Watt-coached University of Toronto teams prevented Boucher from achieving. These are two remarkable coaching talents that toiled in different eras. The current AUS also has far more parity than it had during the Boucher years. The Boucher teams were well-coached and skilled, as are the current hockey Huskies, but wins are harder to come by today than they were in the previous era. In the humble opinion of this writer, men's varsity hockey is currently the most exciting and skilled sport among all Atlantic University Sports.

It wasn't until the 1980-81 season that an Atlantic University Men's Varsity Hockey team won the CIS Championship, when the University of Moncton captured gold. Since then, four Atlantic University Teams have captured the CIS Championship: Saint Mary's, UNB (3), St. F. X. and Acadia. The AUS is now considered a force to be reckoned with and Saint Mary's is very much a part of that mix. Trevor currently considers the Gardiner MacDougall coached UNB Varsity Reds as the team that established the benchmark for all AUS teams.

Trevor is the first to say that many others have contributed to the successes that have been achieved while at the helm of the

1. Hie 2009-10 CIS winner's team photo and members names are listed in a section entitled **CIS Championship Teams** (page 275), just prior to the he **Appendices** near the end of this publication.

hockey Huskies. Chris Larsen, Director of Development, along with current coaching assistants Tom Lee and Tyler Naugler, were each instrumental in helping to develop this program. He was also quick to remind everyone he has been blessed with many talented, dedicated players that were above all "good people"... a point he especially wanted to emphasize.

That being said, Trevor Stienburg does have an impressive track record. In addition to coaching the 2009-10 CIS Championship Hockey Huskies, he was the first university varsity hockey coach to win back-to-back CIS Coach-of-the-Year Awards (1998 and 1999). He was also the AUAA (now AUS) Coach-of-the-year in 1998, 1999 and again in 2010-11. The 2001, 2008-9 and 2009-10 AUS Championships were part of the Stienburg era. Coach "Stieny" also had the good fortune of twice being head coach at the World University Games. Trevor took a talented group of Canadian University Varsity hockey players to Poland in 2001, capturing a Silver Medal and then again in 2007 to Italy where they brought home the "Gold".

Between 1997 and 2011, varsity men's hockey players have earned numerous awards both at the local and national level, with no less than twenty-nine players being selected to AUS All-Star teams during that period. Players such as Steve Gallace, Keith Delaney, Jason Maleyko, Brad Morgan, Kurt MacSweyn, Cody Thorton Ryan Lauzon, Dan Rudesuela, brothers Scott and Andrew Hotham, Marc Rancourt, Cam Fergus, David MacDonald, Brandon Verge and Neil Conway became household names in the AUS. SMU players also left their mark on the CIS All-Star line up, with no less than fifteen garnering All-Canadian status. Among the most prominent was Andrew Hotham with a trio of CIS All-Canadian selections, followed closely by brother Scott, Steve Gallace and Marc Rancourt, all of whom were All-Canadians on two separate occasions.

A number of Stienburg-coached Huskies were honoured with some prestigious AUS and CIS hardware. Dan Rudesuela and Marc Rancourt captured AUS MVP awards: Rudesuela in

2006-07 and Rancourt in 2008-09. Cam Fergus was selected the Most Sportsman-like Player in the AUS in back-to-back years: 2009-10 and 2010-11. Rancourt was also named CIS Player-of-the-Year in 2008-09 and Rudesuela as the CIS Most Sportsman-like Player (R. W. Pugh Award) during the 2007-08 season. Andrew Hotham was selected the 2010-11 CIS Defenceman-of-the-Year. Lastly, giving validation that varsity athletes are often good students, the men's hockey Huskies under Trevor Stienburg have produced two CIS Student-athletes-of-the-Year (Dr. Randy Gregg Award): Steve Gallace in 2001-02 and David Chant in 2005-06.

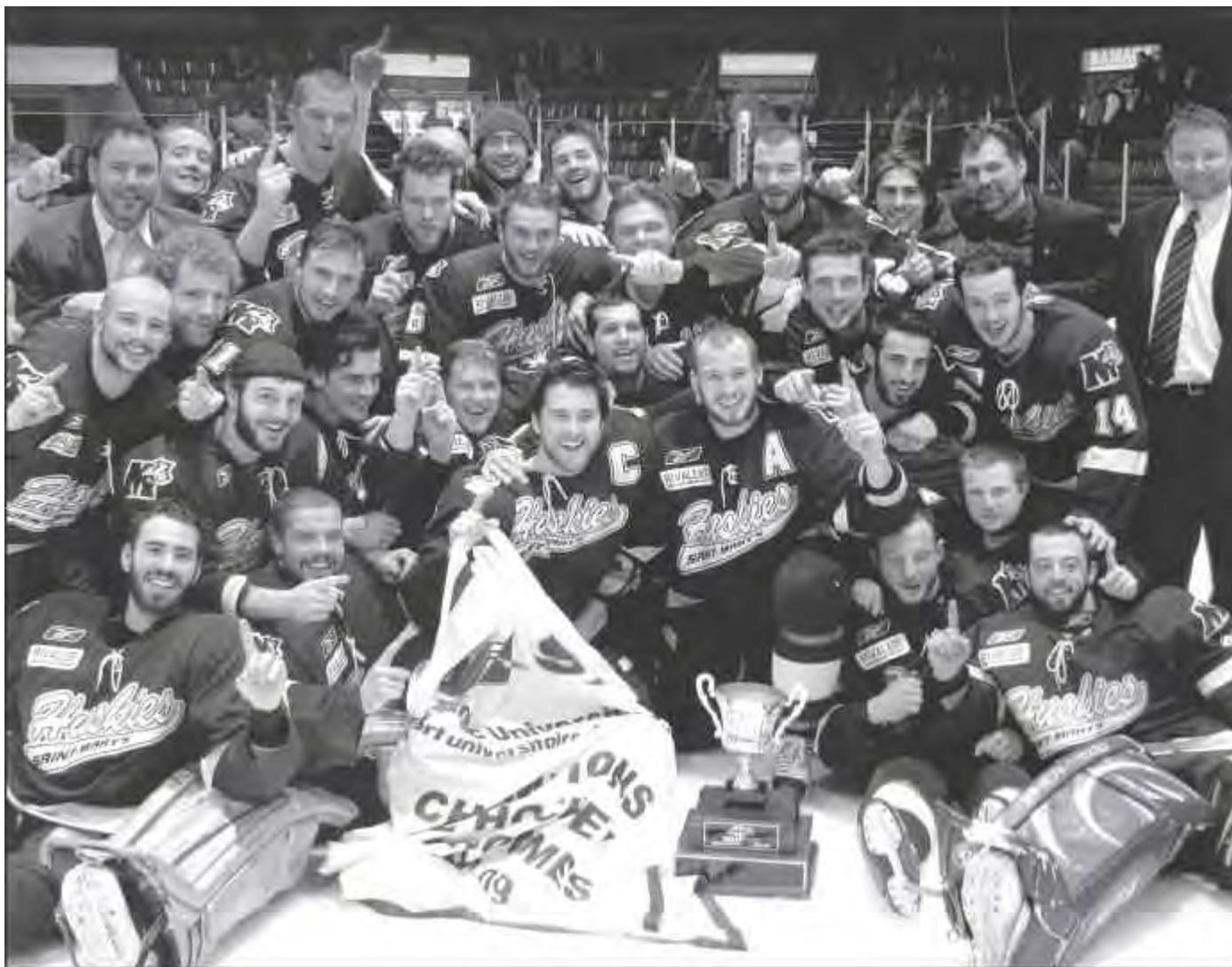
The 1997-98 season was Trevor's first as the hockey's bench boss. In each of the three previous years the hockey program had more losses than wins and this continued into the 1997-8 season when the team finished with an 8-16-4 record. That was to be the worst finish for the team, up to the publication of this book, under Trevor Stienburg's leadership. Only in the 2000-01 season, when the team finished with a 11-12-3 record has a team finished below a .500 in his fifteen years as head coach. It is worth noting, that in Trevor's second season behind the bench the team improved to 13-11-2, with Trevor earning both AUAA and CIAU Coach-of-the-Year awards.

This writer believes that the journey to the 2009-10 CIS Championship began in the 2007-08 season, when the Huskies finished with a 20-5-3, only to lose two heartbreakers to UNB, both in overtime, in the conference final. The first game played in Fredericton, ended with an overtime loss to UNB, while they were attempting to kill a penalty. The second game played at the Halifax Forum, ended with exact same 3-2 score as in game one, but the loss was the result of a penalty shot in the second overtime frame.

The 2008-09 season (20-7-1) brought an AUS Championship to the Robie Street campus and a trip to the CIS Championships in Thunder Bay, Ontario. The Huskies had to defeat UNB in the conference final, losing the opener 3-2 in Fredericton and storming back to defeat their arch-rivals by scores of 3-2 and 5-1. However, both teams qualified for the CIS Championship.

At the Nationals the Huskies advanced to the final round robin game against the Western Mustangs, needing a victory or a loss by less than three goals to play in the Championship Game. The teams were deadlocked at 2-2 after two periods of play and the CIS Championship game seemed a certainty. The third

period turned into a disaster for Saint Mary's as Western scored three goals in just over six minutes and went on to a 7-2 victory, UNB went on to win the CIS Championship. As painful as the loss was, Trevor was proud of this team. They knew they blew a chance to advance to the National Championship and to a



2008-09 SMU Hockey Huskies, AUS Champions and CIS Semi-finalists

player, took the blame for the third period collapse without any finger pointing. No excuses were ever offered, only the agony of defeat and the knowledge that they were being labeled 'chokers' by some, but rather than feeling sorry for themselves, they set out to redeem themselves during the 2009-10 season.

Despite the fact that they were under the public microscope for their poor finish at the 2008-09 CIS Championships, the team started slowly in the 2009-10 season. Stienburg is known as a great motivator and was miffed at this uncharacteristic start to the season. Trevor told the team that he was not currently enjoying coaching and went on to call out some top players as "taking advantage of a great school and a great program", continuing he pointed out they were not 'manning up'... and that the rookies were learning from them.

Gradually the team began to jell and after nineteen games finally achieved their tenth victory, but still a far cry from the then undefeated UNB team. Enter Mike Danton, a former NHL player who had spent time with the New Jersey Devils and St. Louis Blues. Danton had been recently released from prison, after serving sixty-five months for confessing to a murder-for-hire scheme. It has never been substantiated who the intended target was as Mike has been silent on that point. He served his time and began to change his life; attending Saint Mary's was a significant part of that evolution.

Danton had first attained prominence in HRM a decade before as Mike Jefferson of the OHL Barrie Colts. The Colts were competing for the Memorial Cup at the Halifax's Metro Centre. Danton and other Barrie players, as well as the coaching staff were not embraced by the metro fans. Danton's/Jefferson's actions both on and off the ice were a far cry from the expected behaviour of a player in any Major Junior hockey program.

The Danton phone call to Stienburg was totally unexpected and his request to come to SMU was sure to create both local

and national controversy if he were to play with the Huskies. Trevor had been sorting through the problems of a slow start to the season and was questioning the commitment of many of his veteran players when Danton made the inquiry to attend SMU. With the support of the University hierarchy, the Huskie team, and sound advice from his father Malcolm, a minister and former official of the Ontario Parole Board, Trevor decided to give Mike Danton the second chance that everyone deserves in life.

Danton arrived in Halifax in early January, 2010 and after regaining his skating legs became a huge contributor to the hockey program. Danton was the oldest player on the roster but immediately fitted in; perhaps he was the necessary, but missing piece of the puzzle. A part of fitting in is acceptance and the 2009-10 team embraced Mike Danton and to a player, supported the second chance concept. The team finished the season with a 16-8-4 record, which was good enough for a third place finish.

Saint Mary's edged the Moncton Blue Eagles in the opening playoff game, with an overtime 2-1 victory, and won the series with a 4-2 victory. Their next opponents were the second place Acadia Axemen; after dropping the first game 2-1, they went on to reel off three straight victories by scores of 4-1, 3-1 and 9-2. The 9-2 victory was highlighted by a four goal outburst by the country's highest scoring university defenceman, Andrew Hotham. It was anticipated that their opponents in the AUS finals would be the UNB Red Bombers. UNB had almost gone undefeated, only losing the final regular season game to the "X" Men. UNB was to face St. F. X. in the other semi-final and it was just expected to be a formality for the powerful and skilled New Brunswick team. However, an outstanding performance from goalie Joseph Perricone from San Juan Capistrano, and a feisty performance by the underdog "X" team defeated UNB in three straight games and set the stage for the AUS Championship showdown with the Huskies.

Saint Mary's swept the AUS championship round and advanced for the second straight year to the CIS tournament. The tournament played in Thunder Bay, Ontario was an opportunity for redemption and a chance to again compete for a Saint Mary's first-ever CIS hockey championship.

After falling behind in the first game 2-0 to McGill, the team rallied to defeat the Quebec champions 4-2, behind the two-goal performance of Cody Thorton and singles by Justin Munden and Scott Brophy. Their second opponent was the Manitoba team. A strong thirty-one save performance by goalie Neil Conway, two goals by sniper Cam Fergus, with Thorton, Andrew Hotham and former Halifax Moosehead Colby Pridham contributing singles led to a 5-1 victory, and earned them a trip to the CIS Championship game against the powerful Alberta Golden Bear squad.

Neil Conway continued his stellar performance between the pipes and backed by goals from Cam Fergus and Andrew Hotham, the Robie Street school led 2-1 in the third period. Things were looking good until Alberta's Derek Ryan scored late in the third period forcing overtime. In overtime anything can happen and victory is somewhat of a crapshoot for both teams. But the Huskies were not to be denied and at 9:13 of the first overtime, Brad Smith backhanded a shot from a scramble in front of the Alberta net past goalie Travis Yonkman for the victory and Saint Mary's first-ever CIS hockey championship<sup>1</sup>. The second chance concept not only gave Mike Danton a chance to rebuild his life, but an opportunity for the hockey Huskies to redeem their rather dismal performance at the 2008-09 CIS championship.

Quoting from Chris Cochrane's book *Inside The Game*, Mike Danton had this to say: "I'm a different person than I was six years ago; coming to Saint Mary's was the right thing to do. It just feels right." Danton<sup>2</sup> was named an Academic All-Canadian at the end of the season, giving credence to the term "student-athlete" and that everyone deserves a second

chance. In yet, another classy move, the CIS champions had an additional championship ring made with Bob Boucher's name inscribed on it. As Chuck LeCain had commented upon earlier, the ring was presented at the inaugural Bob Boucher Hockey Assistance Fund event in 2010.



**Mike Danton (centre back w trophy) at Colby Milage Elementary**

The parity in AUS varsity hockey was never more evident than it was in the 2010-11 season. The hockey Huskies finished with an 18-9-1 record, which earned them a bye

1. To view the 2010 CIS Championship Team, with names, please go to the concluding sections on CIS Championship Teams located on page. 275.

2. Although Mike Danton was playing hockey and contributing to Saint Mary's AUS and CIS hockey championships in 2009-10, he worked as diligently on his academic courses, and was subsequently named to the Academic All-Canadian lists for both 2009-10 and 2010-11, a tribute to someone who really turned his life around, and in doing so closed the chapter on the controversy around Saint Mary's acceptance of him as a student. It was the right decision made with the correct motivation and conviction - for all concerned. In the past year or more, Danton has played Pro hockey in Europe and since returning to Halifax, he has been visiting public schools speaking to students on the value of remaining focussed on their education. In the summer of 2012 he is volunteering at the IWK and keeping in shape at the Hombuig Centre for a potential tryout at the NHL level again. He is currently signed to play minor pro hockey during next season (2012-13) [Ed.]

into the semi-finals against the vastly improving "X" Men. After losing the opening game 5-3 they bounced back for a 4-3 victory, only to lose the third game by a 3-2 score. Saint Mary's started and finished strong, winning the fourth game 4-1, setting up a fifth and final game to be played at the Halifax Forum. There were well over three thousand in attendance as "X" prevented the Huskies from a chance to repeat as CIS Champions, by downing the Huskies 3-2 in double overtime. St. F. X. went on to lose to UNB in the conference final, with the New Brunswick team going on to win it's second CIS Championship in the past three years.

Stienburg's hockey Huskies had an impressive second place finish in 2011-12 after an unexpected 18-7-3 season record, as the team had lost a number of key players through graduation and suffered numerous injuries to pivotal players during the first half of the season. After a first round bye, the Huskies were, however, eliminated three games to one by the Moncton Blue Eagles.

With the beginning of the 2012-13 season looming on the horizon, you can be assured the Trevor Stienburg-coached Hockey Huskies will be vying for another return to the CIS Championships.



**Colby Pridham**

## Miscellaney

### Celebrating Twenty-five Years of Women's Varsity Sport 1973 -1998: Then and Now



**Susan (Dunbrack) Beazley, Jill Jeffrey,  
Kathy Mullane, Kristy-Jo Robinson.**



**Joan Matheson and her team, definitely out of uniform!**

## **Saint Mary's Varsity Track and Field Team: a tradition of excellence**

### **Andrew Conrad<sup>1</sup>**

Track and Field at Saint Mary's University has never been known as one of the largest or expanding varsity teams in existence, but it is one of the first teams to have existed at this institution of learning. In fact, the James Butler trophy, which is awarded to the most valuable Track and Field athlete at Saint Mary's, is one of the oldest athletic awards in the history of the university.



**Andrew Conrad**

As a member of the Huskies Varsity Track and Field program from 1990-1994, it is with pride that I write this short history to recognize, in some small way, Huskie pride and tradition in the story of the Track and Field program, which includes, for example, Jeff Watson's medal winning shot-put performance at the 1985 National Championships.

However, it was not until the early 1990's that the program came into its own at both the AUAA and CIAU competitions.

In the years from 1990-1994 the Huskies' Varsity Track and Field Program had its greatest successes in the school's history, at least to date. During that period the team set eight AUAA records, two of which still stand today as AUS records: the men's 'long jump' and the men's 60-metre hurdles. This period also marked the first time that Saint Mary's had ever sent a relay team to the National Championships: the 1992 men's four by 200-metre relay team. The 1992 and 1993 seasons also produced the most dominant female Track and

Field athlete in the school's history in the person of Omena Ikede<sup>2</sup>, who dominated Atlantic Canada in the 60-metre and 300-metre sprints ... and captured two medals at the National Championships.

In 1990, my rookie year, we were lead by the varsity men's soccer coach Peter Wicha. He was singularly responsible for keeping Track and Field alive at Saint Mary's from the 1980's through to the beginning of the 1990's, as there was no designated track coach. In 1991 Peter moved on to further other life pursuits, but his dedication to the Track and Field program has always been appreciated.

In the summer of 1991, as team captain, I was approached by the Athletic Director to find a coach for the team, or face the possibility of the program folding. Without a coach and minimal funding, we solicited local businesses for support and, fortunately, were able to locate former Canadian Olympic sprinter Deborah Brown, who agreed to take on the job as the first ever head Track and Field coach at Saint Mary's University; she held that position for thirteen years.

For me, the 1992 season was one of the most memorable, not only due to the competition(s) and performances, but also because of the relationships developed within the team itself. Although a small team, everyone worked toward a common goal - the success of the program itself. This success translated into many milestones for Track and Field at SMU, as the Huskies set six records at the AUAA Championships that year. That same year, the university also sent their largest team to the CIAU Championships, consisting of Steven White, Omena Ikede, Emile Luke, Isaac Abraham, Tony Bailey, Andrew Grady, Brian Walker ... and me. The 1993 season followed upon that success, establishing two more AUAA records and sending another competitive team to the National Championships at the Sky Dome in Toronto.

One of my proudest moments as a Huskie was at the 1992 CIAU Championships in Winnipeg. Standing at the starting line for the men's final in the 60-metre hurdles, I listened to the announcer introducing the competitors in each lane. As each name was announced, there was a huge roar for the athletes from their respective schools, which were usually twenty to thirty members strong. Then my turn came ... you could have heard a pin drop in the Max Bell Centre, but... a few seconds later ... I heard it... shouts and cheers from a half dozen of my teammates in the stands near the finish line. As I looked down at the SMU emblem on my uniform, I can still remember the sense of pride welling within me.

Since that time the varsity Track and Field program had progressed into the new millennium with great strides and even greater successes, represented by athletes such as Jason Hilchie, who in 2001, captured the only Gold Medal in Saint Mary's history in the men's 60-metre sprint at the CIS Championships.

The tradition of Huskies pride will definitely continue and can only expand under the tutelage of national level coach Kevin Heisler. His dedication and work ethic has helped ensure that both the varsity Track and Field and Cross Country teams will pursue and maintain the tradition of excellence established at Saint Mary's for many years to come.

1. Andrew Conrad graduated with a BA. in 1994. He was a medal winning athlete with the Saint Mary's Varsity Track and Field Team, 1990-1994, as well as the Strength and Conditioning Coach: for the SMU Varsity Football Team, 1997-1999. He was inducted into the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre in 2008. For a more complete Hall of Fame citation on Andrew's school and athletic career, please consult p. 52 of this publication.

2. Omena Ikede, in addition to being a great sprinter, also had a book published by Saint Mary's University while still a student-athlete, entitled: *An Examination of the Experiences of Non-Majority Members of Organisations*. (1992) Her work dealt with women in business, minorities in professions, and specifically minority women, including blacks, in those professions.



Two views of Andrew competing in his favourite track event, the 60m Hurdles, for which he set the AUS record in a time of 8:59 seconds. That was set in 1992 and still stands twenty years later. Jason Hilchie, also set an AUS record in 2001 for the 60m sprint in a time of 6:85 seconds. That too has stood the test of time for the past eleven years.

## SMU Varsity Cross-County Teams

- a snapshot by Rich Lehman

The Saint Mary's University Cross-Country program's inaugural season was in the fall of 1996. In the beginning, the program fell under the umbrella of coach Deborah Brown's Track and Field program and was created in an effort to strengthen the track and field teams. The team would train,



**Kevin Heisler**

and continues to train to this day under the seasoned hand of head coach Kevin Heisler. His coaching career had seen him work with a number of exceptional athletes who had competed at the national level. These athletes included such notables as Sean Clancy Sue Spargo, Andrew Dunbrack, Sandy Pirie, Jason Turner, Tracy Hoskin, David Layton, Jeff Archibald, Tom Landry and Mary Baccardax.

At the time, Heisler was working with a talented young runner named Jeff Gorman. At the end of his junior career, Gorman's resume already included being named to numerous Nova Scotia provincial teams, as well as the national junior cross country team that competed at the International Championships in Ireland in 1996. Having achieved this level of success under Heisler's tutelage, Saint Mary's was a natural fit for Gorman, as Heisler, was also beginning his university coaching career.

The 1996 AUAA cross-country season saw the Huskies field a very young and inexperienced team. Leading the charge was 18-year old rookie sensation Jeff Gorman. Gorman would place fourth that year at the AUAA Championships and would, two weeks later, place 14th at the CIAU Championships at

McGill. The Huskies' Cross-Country program had existed for less than three full months, and they had their first second team All-Canadian. Gorman used the momentum from his first collegiate season to place second at the Canadian Junior Cross-Country Championships in Toronto, securing himself a berth on the Canadian team that would compete at the World Championships in Torino, Italy. Following his successful rookie season, Gorman was offered a scholarship to the University of West Virginia, which he accepted. Although his time at Saint Mary's was short, a tradition of excellence was ushered in by Jeff Gorman, the first super-star Huskie harrier.

The fall of 2001, four years after the departure of Jeff Gorman, saw the entrance of arguably the most talented athlete to compete for the Huskie's Cross-Country programs. Kristen Lewis-Woodruff transferred to Saint Mary's to compete her Master's degree, while at the same time, assistant coach Cliff Matthews was brought on board by coach Heisler. Matthews had worked with Lewis before, and the three of them worked their magic together. In what would be a whirlwind twelve months, the enigmatic Lewis-Woodruff won the AUS Cross-Country Championships by forty-five (45) seconds, placed second at the CIS Championships in London, Ontario, represented Canada at the Beijing International Ekiden Road Relay and won gold and silver medals at the 2002 CIS track and field championships in the 3000m and 1500m respectively. 2001 also saw Andrew Pepper, a member of the men's cross country team, qualify for the 2001 Canada Games in the 10,000m run.

The most recent stars for the Huskies have been Kelsey Daley and Ashley Ryer. Daley a multi-sport athlete who also competed for the Saint Mary's basketball team, was named CIS Rookie-of-the-Year in 2005 with a 23rd place finish. Ryer was an athlete who required three years of collegiate racing to attain a breakthrough. After competing in two national

championships for the Huskies, Ryer won the 2009 AUS Cross-Country Championships and placed tenth at the CIS Championships in Kingston. Although her race was good enough for second team All-Canadian status, it was Ryer's



**Ashley Ryer, SMU student-athlete from Seabright, Nova Scotia**  
leadership abilities that set her apart from her peers. Ryer was the best captain the Huskies ever had, displaying an exceptional attitude and an unwavering desire to improve the lives of those around her.



**Kristen Lewis-Woodruff,  
Gold and Silver medalist  
in both cross-country and track**

## **LEADERS OF THE PACK!**

**Saint Mary's  
Cross Country  
runners  
hold off  
all  
challengers!**



**Joelle Marshall,  
Cross Country**

**SNIPPETTS****Less Well-known Sports at Saint Mary's****- the fifties and sixties****Mike Doherty<sup>1</sup>**

**October 1951** ... "Scriven, Nolan and Napier Win Maritime Tennis Title."... the first Maritime Intercollegiate Sports Championship for the new Saint Mary's on Robie Street.

**November 1951**... Chuck Jones got the Saint Mary's Bowling League rolling.

**March 1952**... Inter-faculty sports began at Saint Mary's.

**October 1952** ... The Stadacona Pool becomes available for swimming and swimming lessons courtesy of Doug Murray. Five Ping-Pong tables become available at Saint Mary's; with tournaments soon to follow.

**December 1952**... Saint Mary's decided to send a participant to compete in the ski meet at Antigonish.

**March 1953** ... Saint Mary's planned to send two teams to participate in the upcoming Intercollegiate Curling Bonspiel.

**October 1953** ... Water polo was introduced as an inter-faculty sport.

**November 1953** ... The Stadacona Gym was procured for basketball and boxing; Buzz Urquhart will oversee the boxing.

**April 1955** ... A team from Saint Mary's began preparations for the Intercollegiate Track Meet at Acadia in May.

**May 1956** ... Hundreds of fans were thrilled by the action in twenty-one (21) bouts that comprised the Saint Mary's Boxing Tournament in the gymnasium.

**February 1962**... Coach Bob Hayes announced plans for a swim team and a polo team. A weight room was in operation.

It was also announced that a soccer team under Sean Dennehy would be participating in the Maritime Intercollegiate League the following autumn.

Badminton was also offered in the gymnasium ... and a golf team was formed to participate in Intercollegiate play.

**September 1962**... A Junior Varsity Football team was formed. Inter-faculty volleyball was introduced.

**September 1963** ... Inter-faculty softball was proving to be very popular.

**January 1965** ... Inter-faculty curling at the Mayflower Club was very popular among students. And there were plans to compete with seven other colleges and universities.

**March 1965** ... The Saint Mary's Ski Club was formed.

**September 1965** ... Soccer was added to the growing list of Inter-faculty sports.

**January 1966** ... A JV Saint Mary's Huskies' hockey team was in operation.

**February 1966** ... The JV Basketball Team began its season on a good note.

**January 1967** ... The Inter-faculty Hockey league was very competitive.

**February 1967** ... Truro native Dave Chapman formed a Judo Club at Saint Mary's.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Intramurals & Qub Teams

**February 1968** ... Saint Mary's competed successfully in the Maritime Intercollegiate Wrestling Championships at Dalhousie. They placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**October 1968** ... A Saint Mary's University team of tars participated in the Intercollegiate sailing Championships.

**January 1969** ... The students of Saint Mary's organized an Invitational Bowling Tourney at South Park Lanes. St. F. X. beat ten other teams to finish first.

### Mike Doherty:<sup>1</sup>



WOW!! Just how many sports might there be??? Perhaps I will return to the Archives and check out the yearbooks after 1969 to see if I can find out something about the Tuna Team!... and whatever else there could possibly be. **[Mike, just turn this page to find out today! [Ed.]**

1. Mike Doherty is a member of the Sport Hall of Fame Committee for the production of this publication dedicated to Excellence in Varsity Sport Programs at Saint Mary's University.

His production of a detailed **timeline** helped guide the committee in its deliberations and helped define the structure of this book.

Mike describes himself as "a relatively loyal and regular member of the Saint Mary's Bandwagon". He first enrolled at SMU in 1959, graduated with B.A. and B. Ed. degrees, and taught for his entire 30+ year career in the Halifax City School System

His research on Men's Varsity Hockey between 1960-65 was invaluable in writing that linking section of the book. He also conducted considerable research into the discrepancies related to the Varsity Football MVP and Block & Tackle Awards. Those lists are both more accurate and complete, albeit some information is still missing or lost to time.

Thanks Mike for the many hours of research in the University Archives, slogging through old yearbooks and copies of *The Journal* **[Ed.]**

Saint Mary's University of the present day also boasts a flourishing intra-mural athletic program, as well as many successful club teams.

**Intra-mural programs:** There are nineteen (19) in total listed on the university web site; many are co-ed and seasonal in nature:

- Soccer (indoor and out)
- Ice Hockey
- Softball
- Basketball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Hag Football
- Cheer Leading
- Squash
- Volleyball
- Badminton

While many of these intramurals are recreational in nature, a few are quite competitive, especially Men's Basketball and Volleyball.

**Competitive Club Teams** include:

- Golf
- Curling (M/F)
- Baseball (Men's)
- Rugby (Men's)
- Karate,
- Field Lacrosse (Men's)
- Dance & Cheerleading
- Field Hockey (Women's)<sup>1</sup>

Details for participation in both Club and Intra-mural sports and recreational activities, as well as programs offered by the Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness (formerly The Tower) are spelled out on the Saint Mary's University web site at: <http://www.smu.ca/athletics/intramurals> or <http://www.smu.ca/athletics/clubs> and <http://www.smu.ca/homburg/>

1. Since 2005 Field Hockey has been a competitive club team rather than a Varsity Team, but it has competed in recent years in the CIS playdowns.



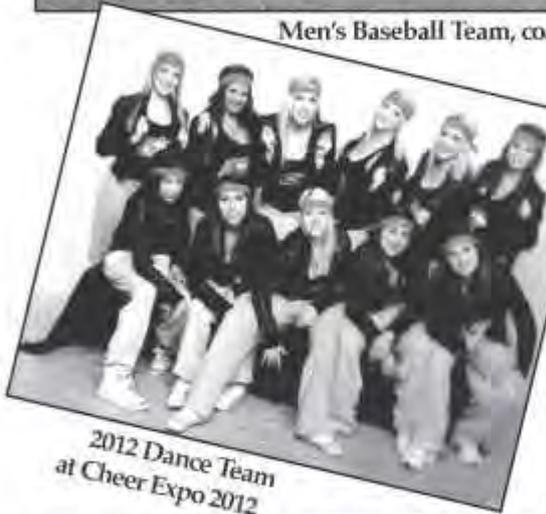
A Sampling of Saint Mary's Club Teams... Huskies All...



Men's Baseball Team, coached by Paul Arsenault since



The Men's Field Lacrosse team claims its origin dates back to 1908 on an earlier SMU campus, making it one of the very original sports teams. The team is coached by Dominic Nolasco; the Manager is Steve Gilbert



2012 Dance Team at Cheer Expo 2012



2012 Cheerleading Team; 2nd Place at Cheer Expo 2012



2012 Women's Team (above); coach Jim Burgess.



Women's CIS 2012 Curling Team with Silver Medals



Men's 2012 Curling team at Nationals (opposite); the men's coach is Bill Fletcher. Both Men's and Women's Curling are CIS sanctioned sports.

## **Competitors "Views of the Saint Mary's Varsity Sport Program**

I was pleased to be asked and sent along the following for the new "History of Sport at Saint Mary's University". By way of background, I played varsity Football and hockey for the Dalhousie University Tigers teams from 1963-1967. It was grand experience to have the luxury of furthering one's education whilst enjoying the dividends of being part of an athletic program.

During that time, Saint Mary's University had a powerhouse of a football program. It seemed that only Saint Francis Xavier University could offer a credible challenge. The hockey program seemed to be in relative infancy compared to football. However, with the introduction of the Boucher years, Saint Mary's hockey blossomed to the point of rivaling the success of the football dynasty.

As a Dal athlete, it was quite simple to view Saint Mary's with jealousy. However, such envy did not occur. What did occur was my recognition that success in these sports were spawned by passion and commitment from the players, coaches and most of all, the university proper.

The success of the SMU athletic programs, in my opinion, were the product of the same ingredients that were responsible for a superior level of achievement in all spheres - excellence in recruitment, quality mentoring and precise performance. In university competitive events, whether science fairs or sports, the team that is best equipped and prepared will usually be victorious.

To me, varsity athletics at Saint Mary's University were always taken seriously by the administration. This created a strong platform for the development of many student-athletes who went on to further success upon graduation.

Did I always have such a fondness for many of my Saint Mary's opponents? Not on your life. However, I did respect several of those athletes for their god-given abilities and desire to win - and to win fairly.

William D. Stanish<sup>1</sup>, MD, FRCS (C), FACS, AOA  
Professor of Surgery, Dalhousie University



I. William (Bill) Stanish played on the Dalhousie Varsity Hockey and Football teams from 1963-1967 and was captain of both teams in his final two years (1966 and 1967). He was also awarded the Climo Trophy as Athlete-of-the-Year in 1965 and 1957. Bill, as he is known to his friend<sup>^</sup> was also the Chief Medical Officer for Canadian Olympic teams at Los Angeles in 1984<sup>^</sup> and in Seoul, South Korea in 1988.

In practice in Halifax, he is highly respected as an orthopaedic surgeon and operates a widely acclaimed Sports Medicine Clinic in the region, and is held in high regard by athletes of all kinds, but especially those who play competitive sports at both Saint Mary's and Dalhousie universities. I have many friends who have benefitted for his skill and knowledge, including myself. [Ed.]

### Another Competitor's View of Saint Mary's Varsity Sports Program

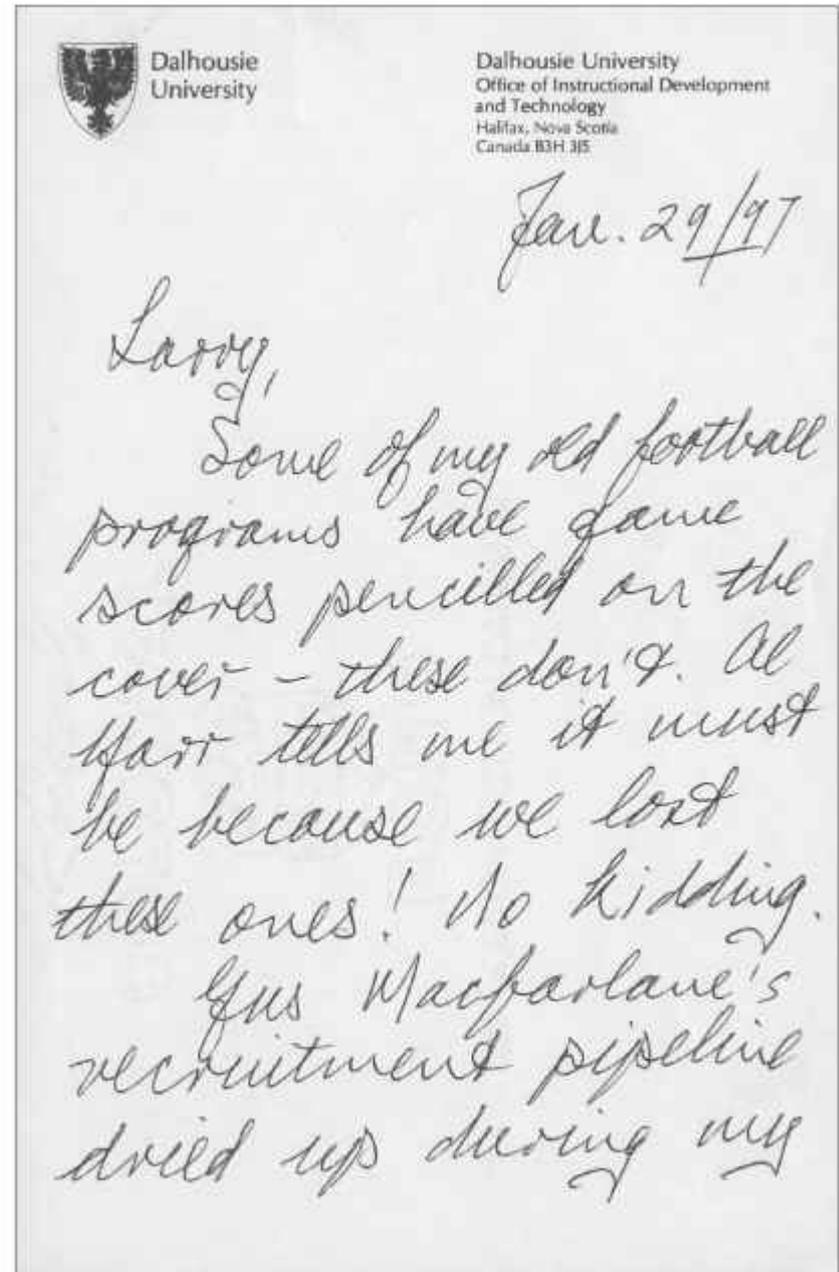
The letter on the following three pages is a personal handwritten note from Alan Wright, when he was working at Dalhousie University, to Saint Mary's head football coach and acting-Athletic Director Athletic Director, Larry Uteck. (Uteck would take over the as full-time AD in the fall of that same year.) Alan was referring to his playing days as captain of the Mount Allison football team and the drubbing they experienced at the hands of the Saint Mary's squad.

A1 Yarr, who is referred to in the note, was a Professor of Physical Education and former basketball coach at Dalhousie and served with several national programs in that sport, but was later known for his work with Track and Cross-Country teams from Dalhousie University. A1 was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 2000.

The other person mentioned in the note was Gus MacFarlane, the legendary football coach and Athletics Director at Mount Allison in Sackville, New Brunswick during the time when Alan played football there.



Huskie Mascot and Perry Marchese, new Head Coach of football with Dr Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University.





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years (63-66) in  
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had the dubious  
distinction of captain  
in a 72-3 doubling  
as the glory faded.  
What's more, SMU's  
hurry up offense called  
plays on the ball,  
so we couldn't  
regroup before they  
ran over us once



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more. as middle  
linebacker at about  
160, I took my  
knocks. But I still  
have my faculties, so  
I guess there was no  
permanent brain  
damage!

Regards,  
Alan Wright

Saint Mary's University CIS Gallery of Championship Teams

1972-73 Men's CIS Basketball Champions



Front Row: Brian Heaney (Coach), Kevin Wood, Jeff Gourley, Mickey Fox, Percy Davis,  
Rick Plato, Jim Collins; Missing John Landry, Manager  
Back Row: Alex MacLellan, Paul Baxter, Ross Quackenbush, Derek Lewis, Ron Blommers,  
Tom Kappos, Alan Wentworth, Willie Follette

1973 Men's CIS Varsity Football Champions



Front Row: A1 Keith, Doug Wright, Ken Clarke, John Matkowski, Brian Burgess, Keith Hotchkiss,  
Second Row: Jim Brown, A.J. Marinari, Frank Theriault, Larry Bridges, Bruce Hopkins,  
Third Row: Mike Curry, Dave Farnyiuk, Frank Yakimchuk, Steve Telfer, Fraser MacDonald,  
Fourth Row: Richard Bishop, Mike Cannistraci, Ralph Panzullo, Ray Romano, Greg Watson,  
Missing from Photo: Rodney Allison, Gord Fumerton, Bob Hayes, John Landry,

1973 Men's CIS Varsity Football Champions



**Peter Miller, Tony Cipollini, Mike Kirkpatrick, Gord MacLeod, Dave Murphy  
Angelo Santucci, Peter Grandy, Dave White, Henry Mayer  
Joe Simatovic, Jim Rodgers, Roy Kendall, Rick Lewis  
Doug Wasson, Mike Riley, Dave MacCormick  
Charlie MacDonald, Dave Petrie, Hector Pothier, Bill Robinson, Cliff Pelham**



1977-78 Men's CIS Varsity Basketball Champions

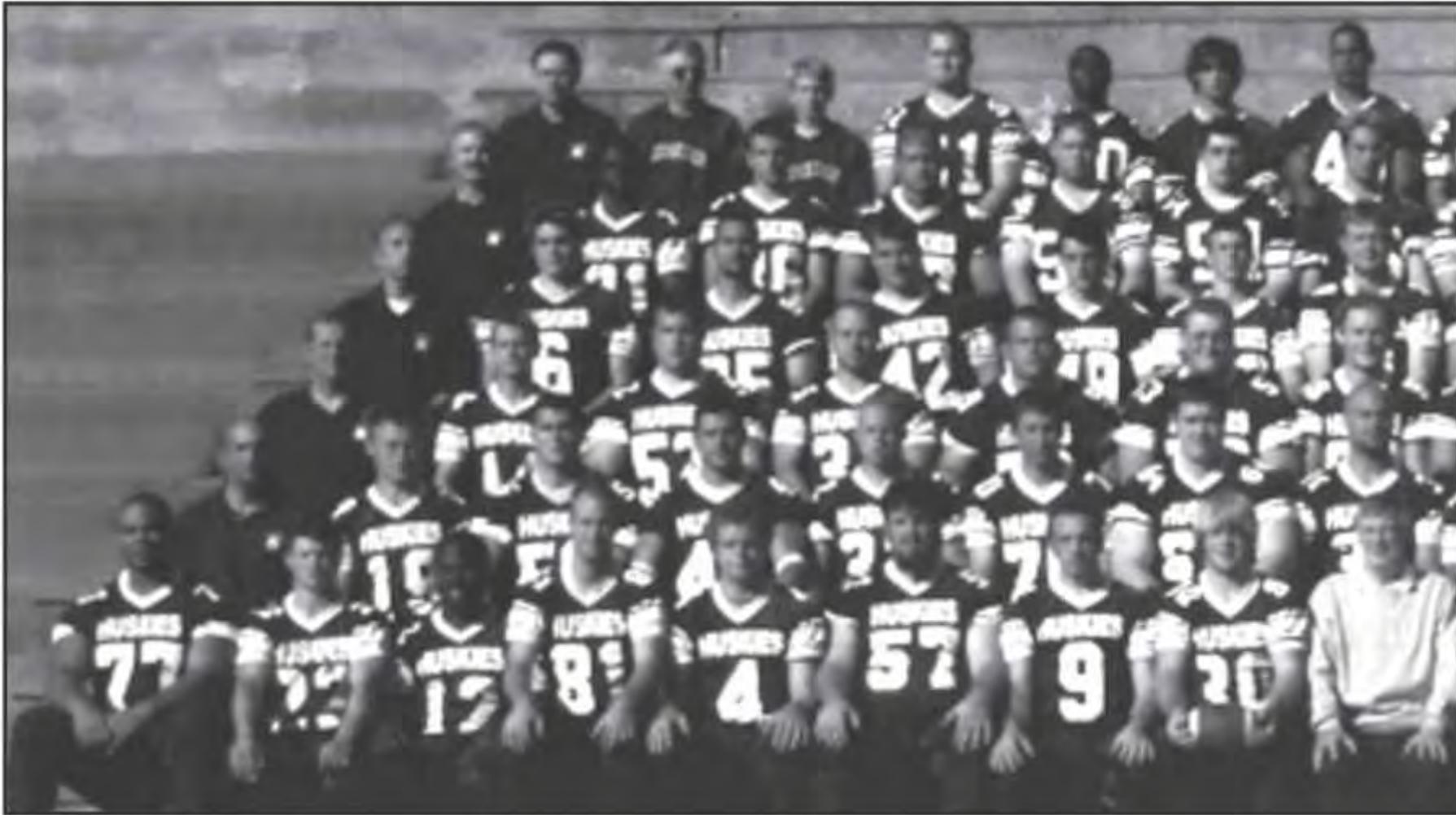


Front Row: Derek Lewis, Art Scranton, Mike Solomon, Ron MacFarland, Rick Plato, Frank White,  
Mark Vickers, Brian Heaney, coach: Missing: John Landry, Manager  
Back Row: Brian Burgess, Calvin Smith, Ross Quackenbush, Ron Blommers, John Brown  
Roger Tustanoff, Tom Kappos, Bruce Holmes, Alan Wentworth, Willie Follette

1978-79 Men's CIS Varsity Basketball Champions



**Front Row: Otha Johnson, Taps Gallagher, Lee Thomas, Peter Halpin, Bob Toboski, Brian Heaney (Coach)**  
**Back Row: John Landry (Manager), Brian Burgess, Art Waters, Mickey Fox, Fred Perry, Greg Redding, John Gallinaugh**

**2001 Men's CIS Varsity Football Champions (Vanier Cup)**

**Front Row:** Doug Borden, Dean Jones, Curtis Nash, Jay Currie, Ryan Jones, Colin Oldrieve, Steve Marques, Paul Fleming, President  
**Second Row:** Coach Steve Sumarah, Pat Thibeault, Chuck Najm, Pierre-Paul Huet, Eric Nowak, John Chaters, Steve Morley, Erico Hakim  
**Third Row:** Coach Gordon Beattie, Chris Breckenridge, Nathan McHugh, Gabriel Harvey, Jason Terris, Dan Steeves, Dave Stala, Joe  
**Fourth Row:** Coach Colin Bush, Steve Panella, Julien Hakim, Dave Metlej, Joey Arsenault, Alex Kyriacopoulos, Billy Robinson,  
**Fifth Row:** Coach Pierre Lefebvre, Alex Lubin, Sean Ahronson, Nick Ancona, Steven Brothers, Elie Tannous, Rocco Ciciarella, Dave  
**Sixth Row:** Manager Paul Mason, John Landry, Waterboy Mike Bridges, Ryan Scanlon, Marcus Noel, Alex Panagopoulos, Justin Skinner,  
**Missing from Photo:** Carrier Shields, Coach Steve Sarty, Coach Ted McLean, Wally Bowes (Film Technician)

## 2001 Men's CIS Varsity Football Champions (Vanier Cup)



Colin J. Dodds, Matt Demers, Joe Barbati, Josh Labucki, Kyi Morrison, Luis Perez, John Salmas, Jean-Michel Sylvain, Denis Aruda Travis Tayler, Ian Ferguson, Paul Archer, Erik Lyman, Phil Roberge, Trefton Boilers, Domenico Bartolacci, Head Coach Blake Nill Bonaventura, Colin White, Derek Watson, Olaf Tomiuk, Mike McPherson, Matt Fox, Ryan Pedley, Coach Larry Stewart Bruce Nelson, Kris Sembalarus, Jeff Moodie, Christian Simmerling, Troy Hutt, Norm Nahas, Coach Andrew Williams Chapman, Mohammen Al-Shaghay, Matt Peters, Byron Conroy, Atnas Maeko, Les Mullings, Coach Scott Annand Joe Fulton, Ryan Kaehn, Stephane Lubin, John Rozier, Sebastian Clovis, Jordan West, Waterboy Sam Wood, Coach Dan Palov

2002 Men's CIS Varsity Football Champions (Vanier Cup)



The names of all team members of the 2002 Vanier Cup Champions are listed on the facing page.

## 2002 Men's CIS Varsity Football Champions (Vanier Cup)

**2002 Saint Mary's University Football Team**

**Front Row: Ian Ferguson, Jay Currie, Colin Oldrieve, Denis Arruda, Cartier Shields, Paul Fleming, Dr. Colin Dodds, (President) Dean Jones, Steve Marques, Pierre-Paul Huet, John Salmas, Kris Sembalerus**

**Second Row: Leslie Mullins, Chakib Najm, Michael McPherson, Joe Bonaventura, Dave Stala, Derek Watson, Eric Oliver Hakim, Bruce Nelson, Paul Archer, Sean Mifflen, Steve Morley**

**Third Row: Mohammed Al-Shaghay, Olaf Tomiuk, Bill Robinson, Troy Hutt, Matt Fox, Jeff Moodie, Atnas Maeko, Gabe Harvey, Erik Nowak, Philippe Roberge, Stephane Lubin**

**Fourth Row: Matt Peters, Alex Torbert, Sebastian Clovis, Jordan West, Nathan McHugh, Colin White, Dave Metlej, Tim MacDonald, Steve Panella, Christian Simmerling**

**Fifth Row: Michael Johnston, Byron Conroy, Chris Anthony, Dan Luke, Andrew Knights, Nick Ancona, Joe Arsenault, Nick Gionet, Alex Kyriacopoulos, Alex Lubin**

**Sixth Row: James Kelleher, Mike Allardyce, Andy Oly, Ralston McKenzie, Richard Exeter, Mitch Willigar, John Braddock, Sam Huber, David Swasey**

**Seventh Row: Derek Weber, Jeff Perrotte, Dan Gossen, Greg Lewczuk, Issac Robinson, Dana Matheson, Ryan Perverseff, Jamal Edwards, Laurice Downey**

**Eighth Row: Taylor Nill, John McGowan, Paul Mason, A1 Birthwright, Neil Steffler, Tim Burris, Curtis Woodley, Dr. David Petrie, Sam Wood**

**Ninth Row: Scott Annand, Steve Sarty, Ted MacLean, Steve Sumarah, Blake Nill, Gordon Beattie, Pierre Lefrebvre, Joe Taplin**

**Missing from Photo: Andrew Williams (Coach), Colin Bush (Coach), Larry Stewart (Coach), Travis McPhee, Justin Sevigny, Wally Bowes (Film Technician)**

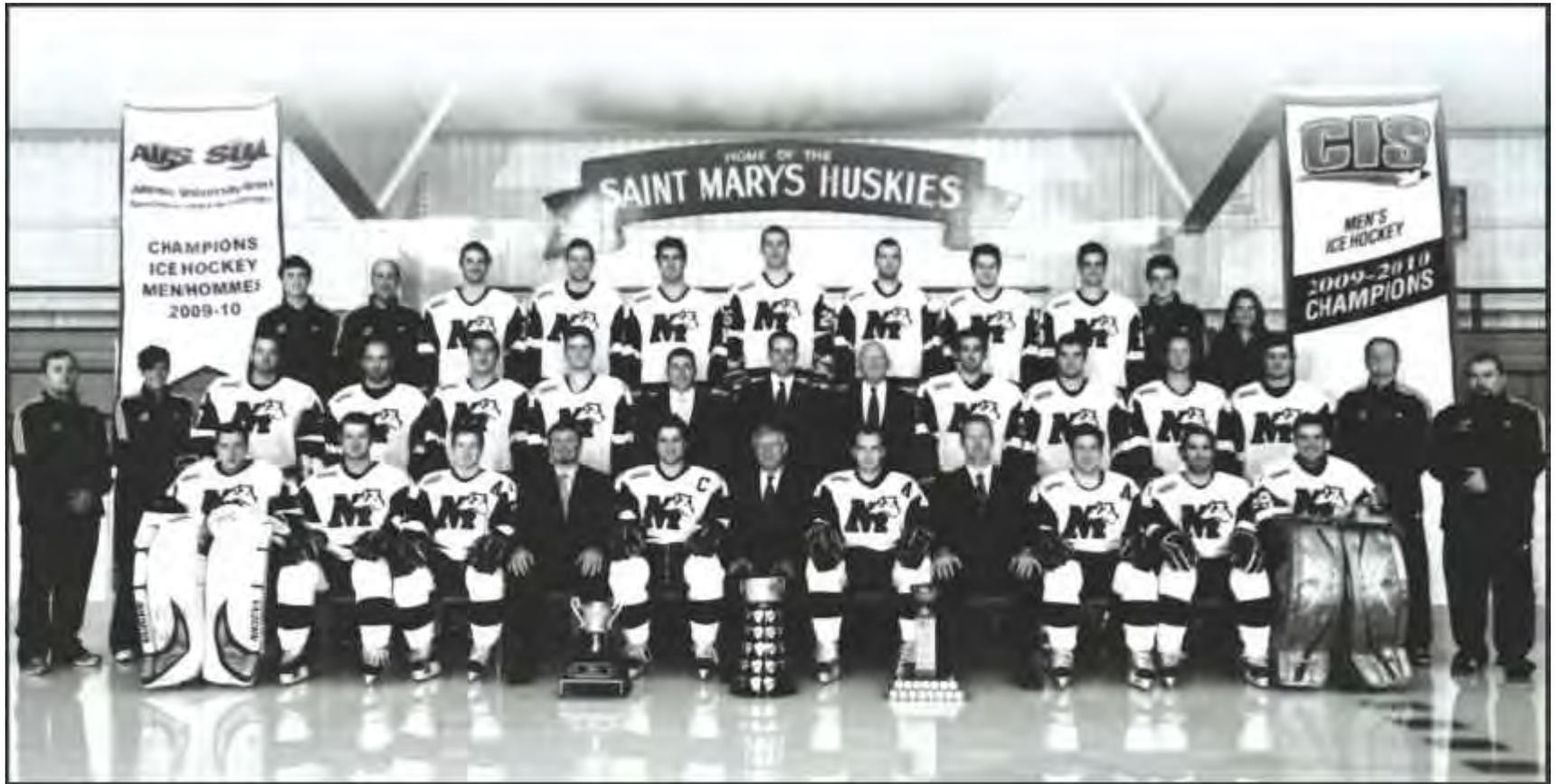
**1998-99 Men's CIS Varsity Basketball Champions**



**Front Row: Ryan DeMone, Lloyd Thomas, Nathan Anderson, Jonah Taussig, Kurt Henry, Cyril Smith, Wayne Hinds, Kevin Miller (Athletics Therapist)**

**Back Row: Ross Quackenbush (Coach), Nelson Carvery, Ryan McClintock, Cory Janes, Patrick Toulouse, Paul Bromby, Colin Allum, Les Berry (Asst. Coach), John Landry (Manager)**

## 2010 Men's CIS Hockey Champions



## 2010 Saint Mary's University Men's Varsity Hockey

- Front Row:** Neil Conway, Cam Fergus, Scott Brophy, Trevor Stienburg (Head Coach), Marc Rancourt, Colin Dodds (President), Chris Morrison, Steve Sarty (Athletic Director), Justin Munden, Cody Thornton, Brandon Verge
- Middle Row:** Chris MacDonald (Equipment Manager), Ashley Merrithew (Therapist), Cory Chipman, Mike Danton, Cory Tanaka, David MacDonald, Tyler Naugler (Asst. Coach), Tom Lee (Asst. Coach), Chris Larsen (Alumni Relations), Colby Pridham, Andrew White, Patrick O'Keefe, Kyle Doucet, Ernie Bennett (Asst. Equipment Manager), Chad Newhook (Head Athletic Therapist)
- Top Row:** Brandon Turnbull (Therapist), Ron Abarbanel (Chaplin), Andrew Hotham, Brad Smith, Tyler Hawes, Justin Wallingford, Tyler Cuthbert, Shawn O'Donnell, Ryan Rorabeck, Scott Noddin (Video), Dr. Rosalind Mullins (Team Doctor)

## Foreword to the Appendices

The series of Appendices that are listed on the following thirty plus pages lists all of the awards winners: (e.g., university MVPs, Athlete-of-the-Year, Rookie-of-the-Year, President's Awards, etc.); Saint Mary's AUAA/ AUS first and second team All-Stars, MVPs, and Rookie awards; SMU CIS Award winners; as well as Coaches and Athletic Directors from the 1950s until today; plus the Academic All-Canadians from its inception in 1997 until 2011.

The current list of Academic All-Canadians was not released until August, 2012, and as a result, was too late for this publication, but they will be listed on the Saint Mary's web site at:

<http://www.smu.ca/>

These lists are also presented with some advance warning and apology as a few sections, despite the very best efforts of many researchers, may be incomplete, due to the absence of records and confusing records during the earlier years (1950s, 60s and early 70s especially) covered by this publication. One example involves the SMU football MVPs, which were either missing and/ or were confused with the Block & Tackle awards in the 1970-80s. Another occurred in Women's Rugby, which had two trophies when the earlier one was misplaced for several years. A third was in Track & Field in which national or regional awards departed from the structure of awards in most other sports: i.e., would a bronze or gold medal at a national meet be the equivalent of a CIS Award today? These records are rather sketchy.

Despite these limitations, this series of Appendices will be the **first comprehensive university awards list in a single place** as records prior to this compilation only existed in numerous locations and formats: some on several different web sites, some in archived lists or Excel files; while others only existed on engraved trophies, in individual memories, or as names on photographs that hung in athletic offices or in the Hall of Fame.

Still these listings contain well over 1500 individual names, including almost 300 national (CIS) awards plus seven national championship teams; sixty-nine AUS championship teams, and in excess of 700 AUS individual All-Stars, MVPs and coaching awards.

However, what is especially outstanding are the lists containing more than 400 Academic All-Canadians and President's Award winners. The latter awards were instituted by the current university president, Dr. Colin Dodds, and have been in place for the last twenty (1991-2012) of the sixty years covered in this publication. [See also 2012 award and citation on page 301].

Considering that the lists of some 375 Academic All-Canadians have only been accumulating from 1996-97 until 2011 (a mere 14 years), that is a remarkable achievement for such a small institution. In its first year, seventeen students made this elite list, but the numbers have since doubled to the mid-thirties in recent years. Perhaps this one statistic alone has laid to rest the erroneous perception that many student-athletes were only jocks who barely scraped by academically.

A few specific examples include: David Sykes, quarterback, who won AUS football MVP, AUS All-Star, CIS All-Canadian awards, two CIS Russ Jackson Awards and three university President's Awards before receiving his degree and being selected as a Rhodes Scholar. Another is Mike Danton, whose storied hockey career and personal life are well-known to most; he helped SMU win prestigious AUS and CIS hockey championships, yet twice was selected as an Academic All-Canadian. Add Steve Gallace and David Chant, both CIS Student-Athlete-of-the-Year, who also made the list of Academic All-Canadians... and Dianne Chaisson, perhaps the most outstanding student-athlete of them all - a double-sport athlete in basketball and field hockey, who was Rookie-of-the-Year in 1978 and female Athlete-of-the-Year three times, an MVP, All Conference and All Canadian and made fourteen "A's" in fifteen courses, while serving on Senate Committees and volunteering within the University and greater Halifax community, rendering the argument of academics versus athletics moot. [Ed.]

## Saint Mary's University's CIS All-Canadians

In 2001 the Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union (CIAU) became the Canadian Inter-university Sport (CIS ).

### CIS Male All-Canadians

#### Football

Currently the Selection Committee is composed of members of the Canadian University Football Coaches' Association (CUFCA).

All-Canadian Teams prior to 1971 were selected by media outlets independent of the CIAU (now CIS), and are not officially recognized as All-Canadian Teams. In 1964, four Football Huskies were selected as CIAU All-Canadians (Bob Ruotolo, Frank Archambault, Donny Murphy and Paul Puma). 1964 was also the first time that All-Canadian recognition was granted. From 1965 to 1969, there were no All-Canadian Football teams named and this absence remains a mystery.

The 1970 All-Canadians were selected by Canadian Sports Digest magazine. Players were chosen from all Canadian University Football Programs, even those not participating in CIAU competition (at the time, that only included Simon Fraser).

The 1969 All-Canadians were selected by Sports Canada magazine. Players were chosen from all Canadian University Football Programs, even those not competing in the CIAU (at the time, only UBC and Simon Fraser). The 1969 All-Canadians were selected from a country-wide survey of coaches, players and informed fans by the magazine's editors.

The 1964 All-Canadians were selected by the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic News, based on a poll of coaches, athletic directors and sports editors.

**2011**

#### First Team Defence

Kayin Marchand-Wright (CB)

#### Second Team Defence

Rob Jubenville (DE)

**2010**

#### First Team

Dan Schutte

#### Second Team

Jeff Hecht

Mark Holden

Jahmeek Taylor

**2009**

#### Second Team Offence

Derek Weber (C)

#### Second Team Defence

Mark Holden (DH)

#### Second Team: Special Teams

Justin Palardy (K)

**2008**

#### Second Team Offence

Bryan Jordan (T/ B)

#### First Team Defence

Jeff Zelinski (CB/DC)

#### Second Team Defence

Dan Schutte (T/P)

Joel Lipinski (HB/DD)

**2007**

#### First Team Offence

Erik Glavic (QB)

#### Second Team Defence

Dan Schutte (T/P)

Tim St. Pierre (LB/Sec)

Jeff Zelinski (CB/DC)

**2006**

#### Second Team Defence

Clayton Chiurka (DL/LD)

Jeff Zelinski (DB/DD)

**2005 - No Awards**

**2004**

#### Second Team Defence

Sebastion Clovis (S/ M)

**2003**

#### First Team Offence

Paul Archer (T/B)

Second Team Offence

Les Mullings (RB/DO)

#### First Team Defence

Sebastion Clovis (DB/DD)

**2002**

#### First Team Offence

Dean Jones (RB/DO)

#### Second Team Offence

Jason Currie (WR/RE)

Dave Stala (IR/RI)

Steve Morley (T/B)

**2001**

#### First Team Offence

Louis Perez (RB/DO)

Jason Currie (WR/RE)

Jean-Michel Sylvain (T/B)

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*Excellence*

**Second Team Offence**

Ryan Jones (QB/QA)  
Patrick Thibeault (IR/RI)  
John Salmas (G)  
Colin Oldrieve (C)

2001

**First Team Defence**

Doug Borden (T/P)  
Curtis Nash (CB/DC)

2000

**Second Team Offence**

Jason Currie (WR/RE)  
Patrick Thibeault (IR/RI)  
Karoly Toth (C)

**First Team Defence**

Kyle Morrison (DE/AD)

**Second Team Defence**

Doug Borden (T/P)  
Denis Arruba (DB/DD)

1999

**First Team Defence**

Josh Tavares (LB/ SEC)

1998

**Second Team Offence**

Brad Chalmers (T/B)

**First Team Defence**

Josh Tavares (LB/ SEC)

1997 & 1996 - No Awards

1995

**Second Team Offence**

TedMacLean (T/B)

**Second Team Defence**

Chris Merritt (CB/DC)  
1994

**Second Team Offence**

Colin O'Donnell (T/B)

**First Team Defence**

Noah Cantor (DE/AD)

**Second Team Defence**

Alex Eliopoulos (LB/SEC)  
Brian Walker (CB/DC)

1993

**First Team Offence**

David Sykes (QB/QA)

**Second Team Offence**

Anthony Williams (IR/RI)  
Colin O'Donnell (G)

**First Team Defence**

Noah Cantor (DE/AD)  
Alex Eliopoulos (LB/SEC)  
Andre Williams (DB/DD)

**First Team Defence**

Tom Fleet (T/P)  
Brian Walker (CB/DC)  
Trevor Burke (S/M)

1992

**Second Team Offence**

Steve Sarty (WR/RE) -Tie

**First Team Defence**

Alex Eliopoulos (LB/SEC)  
Trevor Burke (S/M)

**Second Team Defence**

GregForan (T/P)  
Andre Williams (DB/DD)

1991

**Second Team Offence**

Steve Sarty (WR/RE)

**First Team Defence**

Noah Cantor (DL/LD)  
Trevor Burke (S/M)

**Second Team Defence**

Alex Eliopoulos (LB/SEC)

1990

**First Team Offence**

Matt Nealon (WR/RE)  
Richard MacLean (T/B)

**Second Team Offence**

Mike Korecki (G)

**Second Team Defence**

Trevor Burke (DB/DD)

1989

**First Team Offence**

Chris Flynn (QB/QA)  
Bill Scollard (SB/DI)

**Second Team Offence**

Matt Nealon (WR/RE)  
Louis Olsacher (G)

**Second Team Defence**

Doug Mac Kenzie (DL/ LD)  
Trevor Burke (DB/DD)

1988

**First Team Offence**

Chris Flynn (QB/QA)  
Louis Olsacher (G)

**Second Team Offence**

Brian Smith (TE/AR)

**First Team Defence**

Scott Dunthorne (LB/SEC)

**Second Team Defence**

Doug Mackenzie (DL/LD)

1987

**Second Team Offence**

Josh Lukan (SB/DI)

**First Team Defence**

Peter Curwin (DL/LD)

**Second Team Defence**

Scott Dunthorpe (LB/SEC)

1985<sup>1</sup>

**Offence**

Renzo Passaretti (G)

1984

**Offence**

Renzo Passaretti

1. From 1986 -1969 there was  
only one team selected.

## CIS Male All-Canadians

## Hockey

The Selection Committee is composed of four members of the CIS Men's Hockey Coaches Association. The selection of First and Second All-Canadian Teams was initiated in 2003-4

Up until 1975-76 (inclusive), a single team of six players was selected. From 1976-77 to 2002-03, a single team of 12 players was chosen. Since 2003-04, two teams of six players have been selected. Years with no awards are not listed.

2011-12

**First Team**

Andrew Hotham

**Second Team**

Neil Conway

**All Rookie Team**

Anthony Peters (G)

2009-10

**First Team**

Andrew Hotham (D)

2008-09

**First Team**Scott Hotham (D)  
Marc Rancourt (F/A)**Second Team**

Andrew Hotham (D)

2007-08

**Second Team**Scott Hotham (D)  
Marc Rancourt (F/A)

2006-07

**First Team**

Dan Rudisuela (F/A)

2005-06

**Second Team**

Ryan Lauzan (F/A)

2002-03

Jason Maleyko (D)  
Keith Delaney (F/A)

2001-02

Steven Gallace (D)

2000-01

Steven Gallace (D)

1999-2000

Jim Midgley (F/A)

1993-94

Craig Teople (F/A)

1992-93

Steve Kluczkowski (F/A)

1982  
**Offence**

John Kowalski (WR/RE)

1980  
Grant Cowx (T/P)1979  
**Defence**

Mark Degenova (DL/ LD)

1978  
**Offence**

James Boyd (RB/DO)

**Defence**  
Brian Burgess (DB/DD)1976  
**Defence**

Hector Pothier (T/P)

1975  
**Offence**

Mark Pothier (T/B)

**Defence**Michael Riley (DL/LD)  
Ed Suiciak (LB/SEC)1974  
**Offence**Steve Tefler (TE/AR)  
Mark Pothier (T/B)1973  
**Offence**

Ken Clark (SB/DI)

**Defence**  
Fraser MacDonald (LB/SEC)1971  
**Offence**

Conrad Kozak (SB/DI)

1965 - 1969 - No Awards<sup>1</sup>1964<sup>2</sup>**Offence**Paul Puma (FB)  
Frank Archambeau (T)**Defence**C. Donald Murphy (LB)  
Bob Ruotolo (LB)

1. From 1965 until 1969 no teams were named!
2. First Year for Football All-Canadians.

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**1991-92** Mac Davis (F/A)

Craig Teople (F/ A)

**1982-83**

Mark Locken (G)

Mike Kelly (D)

**1981-82**

Mark Locken (G)

**1979-80**

Mark Locken (G)

**1977-78**

Steve Davies (G)

**Soccer**

Male Soccer All-Canadians were first chosen during the 1978 season. There were and still are first and second teams chosen.

**2011-12**

**First Team**

Jonathan Cordoba

**2011-12**

**Second Team**

Rory Kennedy

**2008**

**First Team**

Jonathan McNeil (D)

**2007**

**Second Team**

Istvan Lakner (D)

**2006**

**Second Team**

Eduardo Farias (M)

**1974-75**

Scott Grady (D)

**1973-74**

Bob Warner (D)

**1972-73**

Chuck Goddard (G)

**1971-72**

Tim Ripley (D)

**2005**

**First Team**

Javier Gogorza (M)

**Second Team**

Matt Hogg (G)

Matthew D'Angelo (S/A)

**2004**

**First Team**

Ryan Devereaux (S/A)

**2003**

**First Team**

Mesut Mert (M)

**Second Team**

Ryan Devereaux (S/A)

**2001**

**First Team**

Carlos Louriero (G)

Mesut Mert (M)

**Second Team**

Tim Mullen (D)

**2000**

**First Team**

Jay Robinson (M)

**Second Team**

Tim Mullen (D)

**1999**

**Second Team**

Chris Devlin (M)

**1995**

**Second Team**

George Kyreakakos (S/A)

**1994**

**First Team**

Lewis Page (F)

**1993**

**Second Team**

Lewis Page (F)

**1992**

**First Team**

George Kyreakakos (S/A)

**1989**

**First Team**

Lewis Page (F)

Dennis Robinson (S/A)

**Second Team**

Terry Ellis (D)

**1987**

**First Team**

Woody Bailey (S/A)

**1981**

**First Team**

Ross Webb (S/A)

Geoff Agostini(D)

**1980**

**First Team**

Geoff Agostini(D)

Ross Webb (S/A)

**1979**

**First Team**

Manuk Nazaryan (M)

**Second Team**

Jim Sidey (S/A)

**1978**

**First Team**

Ross Webb (S/A)

**Second Team**

Rubens Silva (S/A)

**CIS Male All-Canadians:****Basketball**

The Selection Committee is composed of members of the CIS Men's Basketball Coaches Association.

**2011-12****First Team**

Joey Hayward

**All Rookie Team**

Brian Rouse

**2009-2010****Second Team**

Joey Hayward (G)

**2005-6****First Team**

Jerome Goodman

**2003-4****First Team**

Gabriel Goree

**2002-3****First Team**

Gabriel Goree

**2000-1****Second Team**

Jonah Taussig

**1999-2000****Second Team**

Jonah Taussig

**1993-4****First Team**

Will Njoku

**1992-3****First Team**

Will Njoku

**1991-2****First Team**

Brian Thompson

**1983-4****Second Team**

Rob Latter

**1981-82****Second Team**

Lee Davis

**1978-79****First Team**

Mickey Fox

Kevin Vood

**1977-78****Second Team**

John Brown

**1975-76****Second Team**

Lee Thomas

**1974-75****First Team**

Mickey Fox

**1973-74****First Team**

Mickey Fox

Lee Thomas

**1973-72****First Team**

Lee Thomas

**Second Team**

Mickey Fox

**CIS Female All-Canadians:**

CIS Female All-Canadians were first recognized in the 1997-8 season, while Saint Mary's Women's teams first competed at the varsity level in 1977.

**Hockey****2005-6****First Team**

Courtney Shriver (F/ A)

**2004-5****First Team**

Lindsay Taylor (F/ A)

**2003-4****Second Team**

Lindsay Taylor (F/ A)

**2002-3****First Team**

Karrie Boyle (F/ A)

**2001-2****Second Team**

Tasha Noble (F/ A)

**2000-01****Second Team**

Tasha Noble (F/ A)

**1997-98****First Team**

Lesley Jordan (G)

**Basketball**

The Selection Committee is composed of all the members of the CIS Women's Basketball Coaches' Association.

**2011-12****Second Team**

Justine Colley

**2009-10****CIS All-Rookie Team**

Justine Colley

**2002-3****Second Team**

Julie Galipeau (G)

**2000-1****Second Team**

Julie Galipeau (G)

**1997-8****Second Team**

Jadranka Crnogorac (G)

**1980-1****Second Team**

Dianne Chiasson (G)

**CIS Female All-Canadians:**

These records of **Women's Field Hockey** teams date from 1985-2009. Both First & Second All-Canadian teams are selected.

<b>Field Hockey</b>	2003	<b>1994</b>	<b>Soccer: (CIS: 1987- 2012)</b>
	<b>Second Team</b>	<b>Second Team</b>	
<b>2011</b>	Sarah Cunnian (F)	Sabitha Masih (F)	<b>2011-12</b>
<b>First Team</b>			<b>First Team</b>
Mandy Avery (F)	<b>2002</b>	<b>1993</b>	Kelly Burgess
	<b>First Team</b>	<b>First Team</b>	
<b>2009</b>	Genevieve Gay (D)	Erin O'Brien (M)	<b>2004</b>
<b>First Team</b>			<b>First Team</b>
Mandy Avery (F)	<b>Second Team</b>	<b>1991</b>	
	Tara O'Reilly (M)	<b>Second Team</b>	Crystal Walton (S/A)
<b>Second Team</b>	Sarah White (D)	Joni MacDougall (F)	
Aaron Bonin (M)	<b>2001</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>First Team</b>	<b>First Team</b>	<b>First Team</b>
<b>2008</b>	Lisa Bonin (G)	Heather Andrews (G)	Danielle Hotchkiss (D)
<b>Second Team</b>	Tara O'Reilly (M)		
Maria Barreiro (G)	<b>2000</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>First Team</b>	<b>First Team</b>	<b>CIS Rookie-Of-the-Year</b>
2905	Tara O'Reilly (M)	Heather MacLean (M)	Sarah White
<b>First Team</b>			
Sarah White (D)	<b>Second Team</b>	<b>Second Team</b>	<b>2000</b>
	Lisa Bonin (G)	Heather Andrews (G)	<b>Second Team</b>
<b>Second Team</b>			Danielle Hotchkiss (D)
Erin Dillon ((M)	<b>1999</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1997</b>
Colleen MacIntyre (F)	<b>Second Team</b>	<b>First Team</b>	<b>First Team</b>
	Tara O'Reilly (M)	Heather MacLean (M)	Signa Butler (M)
<b>2004</b>			
<b>First Team</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1992</b>
Sarah White (D)	<b>Second Team</b>	<b>Second Team</b>	<b>First Team</b>
	Colleen O'Brien (M)	Heather Andrews	
<b>Second Team</b>	Tanya Young (F)		Suzanne Muir (S / A)
Colleen MacIntyre (F)	<b>1994</b>	<b>1986</b>	
	<b>First Team</b>	<b>Second Team</b>	<b>1990</b>
<b>2003</b>	Erin O'Brien (M)	Lisa DeSilva	<b>Second Team</b>
<b>First Team</b>			Jeni Keddy (D)
Sarah White (D),			Suzanne Muir (S / A)
Katie Baker (M)			

**CIS Female All-Canadians:**

**Rugby:**

(CIS records in Rugby only date from 2000 and involved one team only.)

**2009**

Barbara MacDonald (F)

**2007**

Megan Kinsman

**2006**

Donelle Gillia

**2003**

Genevieve Gay (G)

**1998**

Allison Crowe

**Volleyball:**

CIS Women's Volleyball 1980-2009. [SMU first entered a Women's Varsity team in 1988.]

**2011-12**

**First Team**  
Kerri Smit

**2008-9**

**Second Team**  
Kerri Smit

**2004-5**

**Second Team**  
Caroline MacFarlane

**2001-2**

**Second Team**  
Caroline MacFarlane

**2000-01**

**Second Team**  
Caroline MacFarlane

**CIS All-Canadians, Male & Female:  
Cross Country Running;  
Track and Field; plus Curling**

**Cross-Country:**

**Women's Program:  
2009**

**Second Team**  
Ashley Ryer

**2005**

Kelsey Daley, CIS Rookie-of-the Year

**2002**

**First Team**  
Kristen Woodruff  
(In 2002-3, Kristen won the 3000 metre run in a time of 9:36.33, almost 1.5 seconds ahead of the second place finisher. She recived a gold medal - and in the 1500m, a silver medal)

**Men's Program:**

**19%**

**Second Team**  
Jeff Gorman

Hie top seven individual finishers at the at the CIS Championship (M & F) make up the First All-Star Team. The Second All-Star Team is comprised of finishers 8 through 14.

Hie CIS Championship became an open competition in 1995. Prior to 1995, only a number of schools were invited (e.g., Regional association champions). Second Team selection became sanctioned in 1995 when the championship became an open event.

**Track and Field medals:**

**2001**

Jason Hilchie: gold medal, 60m sprint

**1992**

Omena Ikede: medalist

**1992**

Omena Ikede: medalist

**1985**

Jeff Watson, shot put medal

Note: Hie CIS does not declare Track & Field All-Canadians. - only the top three finishers (individuals/teams) would be given awards or gold, silver bronze.

**Women's Curling:**

**2011-12: Team** Silver medal

**2009-10**

**First Team**

Marie Christianson - Skip

**Saint Mary's University Major Award Winners:  
All sports programs: Men's and Women's**

**Athlete of the Year •Female: 1973-2012**

1973-74	KimRobson	2000	Natasha Noble
1974-75	Susan Dunbrack	2001	Danielle Hotchkiss
1975-76	Nancy Knowlton	2002	Natasha Noble
1976-77	Carol Turney	2003	Kerrie Boyle
1977-78	Nancy Collins	2004	Julie Galipeau
1978-79	Dianne Chaisson	2005	Lindsay Taylor
1979-80	Dianne Chaisson	2006	Laura MacPherson
1980-81	Dianne Chaisson	2006-07	Ashley Wicks
1981-82	<b>Karen McKellar</b>	2007-08	KoriCheverie
1982-83	Karen McKellar	2008-09	KoriCheverie
1983-84	Armelle Vanderberg	2009-10	KoriCheverie
1984-85	Darlene Stoyko	2010-11	KerriSmit
1985-86	Michele Gaunce		Justine Colley
1986-87	Lisa DeSilva	2011-12	Kelly Burgess
1987-88	Heather Andrews		Kerri Smit
1988-89	Heather McLean		
1989-90	Joanne Webb		
<b>1990-91</b>	<b>Suzanne Muir</b>		
1991-92	MoniqueRafuse		
1992-93	Suzanne Muir		
1993-94	Erin O'Brien		
1994-95	Jadranka Crnogorac		
1995-%	Jadranka Crnogorac		
1996-97	Dana Olsen		
1997-98	Jadranka Crnogorac		
1998-99	Nadine Sinclair		

**Athlete of the Year -Male: 1957-2012**

1957	George Leach	1986	Jeff Watson
1958	Reg Macdougall	1987	Mike Williams
1959	Brian Ross	1988	Peter Curwin
1960	John Riley	1989	Chris Flynn
1961	Robert (Bob) Lahey	1990	Chris Flynn
1962	Richard (Dick) Loiselle	1991	Chris Flynn
1963	BobHealy	1992	Brian Thompson
1964	Robert (Bob) Lahey	1993	William Njoku
1965	Roger Henderson	1994	William Njoku
1966	Jim Daniel	1995	Dwayne Provo
1967	John Murphy	1996	Jason Medford
1968	Mike Hornby	1997	James MacPherson
1969	Brian O Byrne	1998	Jonah Taussig
1970	John Murray	1999	Jonah Taussig
1971	CarlBoswick	2000	Mike Weatherbie
1972	Chuck Goddard	2001	Jonah Taussig
1973	Mickey Fox		JaysonHilchie
1974	Ken Clark	2002	Mesut Mert
1975	Mickey Fox	2003	Dave Stala
1976	Lee Thomas	2004	Mesut Mert
1977	Mike Curry		Gabe Goree
1978	Mack Davis	2005	Ryan Devereaux
1979	Grant Thomson,	2006	Jerome Goodman
	Kevin Wood	2007	DanRudisuela
1980	Ross Quackenbush	2008	Erik Glavic
	Tom McDonnell	2009	Marc Rancourt
1981	Rick Plato	2010	Andrew Hot ham
1982	Mark Locken	2011	Andrew Hotham
1983	Ross Webb		Joey Haywood
1984	Ron Latter	2012	Rory Kennedy
1985	Renzo Passaretti		

## Saint Mary's University - Most Valuable Players (Female and Male)

<b>Women's Basketball MVPs</b>	2007	Alise Brown	1995-%	Jason Medford	2006	Kelsey Daley	
1973-74	KimRobson	2007-08	Alise Brown	1996-97	Jason Medford	Brian Lewis	
1974-75	Cindy Britten	2008-09	Kelsey Daley	1997-98	Jonah Taussig	Christine Carey	
1975-76	Neila McCabe	2009-10	Justine Colley		Patrick Toulouse	Gerald Demers	
1976-77	Carol Turney	2010-11	Justine Colley	1998-99	Jonah Taussig	2007	Kelsey Daley
1977-78	<b>Dianne</b> Chiasson	2011-12	Justine Colley	2000	Coiy James	Gerald Demers	
1978-79	Colleen Thomson			2001	Jonah Taussig	2008	Kelsey Daley
1979-80	Dianne Chiasson	<b>Men's Basketball MVPs</b>		2002	Nathan Anderson		Brad Orchard
1980-81	Dianne Chiasson	1969-70	Billy Thomas	2003	Gabe Goree	2008-9	Ashley Ryer
1981-82	Anita Quilan	1970-71	Dermis Reardon	2005	Jerome Goodman		Brad Orchard
1982-83	Karen McKellar		AI Brown	2006-07	Mark McLaughlin	2009-10	Ashley Ryer
1983-84	Michele Gaunce	1971-72	Mike Chambers	2007-08	Mark Ross		Garret Ramey
1984-85	Michele Gaunce		John Gatlinaugh	2008-09	Mark McLaughlin	2010-11	Kayla Marcotte
	Sandra Mumford		John Gatlinaugh		Joey Haywood		Garrett Ramey
1985-86	Sandra Mumford	1972-73	John Gatlinaugh	2009-10	Mark McLaughlin	2011-12	Brittany Avery
1986-87	Lisa Lamore	1973-74	Lee Thomas		Joey Haywood		Jake Wing
1987-88	Cindy Flynn	1974-75	Mickey Fox	2010-11	Joey Haywood		
1988-89	Cindy Flynn	1975-76	ErroylBing	2011-12	ToryFassett		
1989-90	Cindy Flynn	1976-77	Ken Seaward				<b>Track &amp; Field MVP's</b>
1990-91	Cindy Hynn	1977-78	John Brown				<b>(Female and Male)</b>
1991-92	Sharlene Fa lk	1978-79	Percy Davis	<b>Cross Country MVP's</b>		2006-07	Ashley Ryer
1992-93	Tina <b>Creelman</b>	1979-80	Ross Quackenbush	<b>(Female and Male)</b>			C. J. Price
1993-94	Angie Brooks	1980-81	Rick Plato		1997-98	2007-08	Christine Carey
1994-95	Jadranka Crnogorac	1981-82	Ron Bloomers				Garret Ramey
1995-%	Jadranka Crnogorac	1982-83	Rob Latter		1998-99	2008-09	Ashley Ryer
1996-97	Jadranka Crnogorac	1983-84	Rob Latter				Garret Ramey
1997-98	Jadranka Crnogorac	1985-86	Mike Williams		2000	2010	Ashley Ryer
1998-99	Lisa Ward	1986-87	Mike Williams				Brad Orchard
	Jennifer Reid	1987-88	David Smith		2001	2011	Sharlane MacLeod
2000	Julie Galipeau	1988-89	Chris Rowarth				Brad Orchard
2001	Julie Galipeau	1989-90	TomMcCUTCHEON		2002	2012	Armissa Owen
2002	Julie Galipeau	1990-91	Chris Rowarth				Kevin ONeill
2003	Julie Galipeau	1991-92	Brian Thompson		2003		
2004	Julie Galipeau	1992-93	William Njoku				
2005	Laura MacPherson	1993-94	Richard Sullivan		2004		<b>Volleyball MVPs</b>
2006	Alise Brown	1994-95	Derek Hurdle				
					2005	1990-91	Ann ONiell
						1991-92	Ann ONiell
						1992-93	Tracy Clinch

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1993-94	Julie Gow		<b>Women's Hockey MVP</b>	1989	Wayne Morrow	1977	Austin Boyd
1994-95	Tracy Clinch			1990	Wayne Morrow	1978	Murray Reynolds
1995-96	Jocelyn Wade	1997-98	Lesley Jordan	1991	John Gladiator	1979	Kevin Downie
1996-97	Nadine Sinclair	1998-99	Stephanie Wilson	1992	Tim Gilligan	1980	Jim Sidey
1997-98	Nadine Sinclair	2000	Natasha Noble	1993	Steve Kluczkowski	1981	Manuk Nazaryan
1998-99	Nadine Sinclair	2001	Natasha Noble, Kerri Boyle	1994	Craig Teeple	1982	Peter Wicha
2000	Barb Brown			1995	Steve Kluczkowski	1983	Geoff Agostini
2001	Caroline <b>MacFarlane</b>	2002	Natasha Noble	1995-96	Shawn Redmond	1984	Stephen Hart
2002	Caroline MacFarlane	2003	Kerri Boyle	1996-97	Mike Weatherbie	1985	Cameron Brown
2003	Pam Rogers	2004	Lindsay Taylor	1997-98	Rob MacIsaac	1986	<b>William "Bill" Sovie</b>
2004	Catherine MacFarlane	2005	Lindsay Taylor	1998-99	Mike Weatherbie	1987	Lars Torjussen
2005	Caroline MacFarlane	2006-07	Courtney Shriver	2000	Mike Weatherbie	1988	Lewis Page
	Pam Rogers	2007-08	Kori Cheverie	2001	Steve Gallace	1989	Neil Sedgwick
2006	Janesse Boudreau	2008-09	Kori Cheverie	2002	Steve Gallace	1990	Randy Thomas
2007-08	Janesse <b>Boudreau</b>	2009-10	Kori Cheverie	2003	Keith Delaney	1991	Simon Day
2008-09	Christina <b>MacRae</b>	2010-11	Jillian MacIsaac	2004	Keith Delaney	1992	George Kyreakakos
2009-10	Allison Beaver	2011-12	Rebecca Mosher		Kurt MacSweyn	1993	Lewis Page
	Kerri Smit			2005	Kurt MacSweyn	1994	Lewis Page
2010-11	Kerri Smit		<b>Men's Hockey MVP</b>	2006-07	Dan Rudisuela	1995	Jeff Fennell
2011-12	Kerri Smit	1971	Tim Ripley	2007-08	Marc Rancourt	1996-97	Kevin Carroll
		1972	Tim Ripley	2008-09	Marc Rancourt	1997-98	Chris Coutler
	<b>Rugby MVP: Trophy #2</b>	1973	Billy Doherty	2009-10	Andrew Hotham	1998-99	Chris Harrison
1999	Paula MacNeil	1974	Dale Turner	2010-11	Andrew Hotham	<b>2000</b>	Chris Devlin
2000	Cara Gillis	1975	Billy Doherty	2011-12	Colby Pridham	<b>2001</b>	Tim Mullen
2001	Sherry Lake	1976	Douglas Chase				Jay Robinson
2002	Sherry Lake	1977	Grant Thomson		<b>Men's Soccer MVP</b>	<b>2002</b>	Mesut Mert
	Gretchen Tanner	1978	Tim Cuppage	1964	Eduardo Escobar	2003	Blake Geddis
2003	Sherry Lake	1979	Don MacIver	1965	Alfredo Jaikel	2004	Mesut Mert
2004	Genevieve Gay	1980	Scott MacLean	1966	Steve Wooldridge	2005	Ryan Devereaux
2005	Marcella Abreu	1981	Tom McDonnell	1967	Delano Laifait	<b>2006</b>	Evan Hervey
2006	Paula MacNeil		Kevin Reinhart	1968	Tom Healy	2007	Jonathan McNeil
	Joanne Anderson	1982	Mark Locken	1969	D. Abbey	<b>2008</b>	Jonathan McNeil
2007	<b>Megan Kinsman</b>	1983	Mark Locken	1970	John Carroll	2009	Michael Sun
2008	<b>Adrienne MacDonald</b>	1984	Jack Woods	1971	Frank LeSage	<b>2010</b>	Peter Garonis
2009	Megan MacIsaac	1985	Mike Volpe	1972	Roger Farrah	<b>2011</b>	Rory Kennedy
2010	Katie Smith	1986	Terry Coughlan	1973	Cari Singh	<b>2012</b>	Rory Kennedy
2011	Jean Baker	1987	Strat Kane	1974	Mark <b>Badman</b>		
		1988	Strat Kane	1975	Peter Goosens		
				1976	Donald McMahon		



## Saint Mary's University Rookie-of-the-Year (Female and Male) and President's Awards

Female Rookie of Year		Male Rookie of Year		President's Award - Female		President's Award - Male	
	2009-10	Justine Colley	1989	Wayne Morrow	2000	Mike Weatherbie	
1973-74	2010-11	Sarah Astle	1990	Trevor Burke	2001	Andreas Atkins	
1974-75	2011-12	Anissa Owen	1991	William Njoku	2002	Steve Gallace	
1975-76				Graham Harvey	2003	Keith Delaney	
1976-77			1992	Jerrett DeFazio	2004	Keith Delaney	
1977-78			1992-93	Charles Ashe	2005	Morgan McCormick	
1978-79	1%0-61	Denis Gates	1993-94	Dave MacIntyre	2006	David Grant	
1979-80	1%1-62	Roger Clouthier	1994-95	Micha Bourdeau	2007	Tim St. Pierre	
1980-81	1%2-63	Adrian Smith	1995-%	Shawn Redmond	2008	Dan Rudisuela	
1981-82	1%3-64	Ed Brandt	1996-97	Jonah Taussig	2009	Marc Rancourt	
1982-83	1%4-65	Jim Daniels	1997-98	Justin Steinbach	2010	Marc Rancourt	
1983-84	1%5-66	JoeORiley	1998-99	JimMidley	2011	Neil Conway	
1984-85		Jim Stewart	1999-00	Mesut Mert	2012	AdamDownie	
1985-86	1%6-67	Clem Maynard	2000-01	Bruce Nelson			
1986-87	1%7-68	John MacLeod	2001-02	Jason Maleyko			
1987-88	1%8-69	Reynolds Shepherd	2002-03	Greg Lewczuk			
1988-89	1%9-70	Bill Robinson	2003-04	Fraser ONeill	1991-92	Shauna MacDougall	
1989-90		RickKonopk	2004-05	Ryan Lauzon	1992-93	Ann ONeill	
1990-91	1971-72	Angelo Santucci	2005-06	Mark McLaughlin	1993-94	Tracy Clinch	
1991-92	1973	Lee Thomas	2006-07	Brandon Verge	1994-95	Tracy Clinch	
1992-93	1974	Mike Curry	2007-08	Cody Thorton	1995-%	Bonnie MacLean	
1993-94		D. Edwards	2008-09	Jahmeek Murray	1996-97	Bonnie MacLean	
1994-95	1975	Dean Lees	2009-10	Neil Conway	1997-98	Nadine Sinclair	
1995-%	1976	Doug Chase	2010-11	Elvir Gigolaj	1998-99	RuthWilkins	
1996-97	1976-77	Steve Davis	2011-12	Brian Rouse	2000	Kristina Hinds	
1997-98	1977-78	Tom McDonell		Anthony Peters	2001	Kathleen Bendelier	
1998-99	1979	Ross Webb			2002	Katie Gamon	
2000	1980	LeRoy Davis			2003	Tara O'Reilly	
2001	1981	Grant Cox			2004	Andrea Shakespeare	
2002	1982	Rob Latter	1991-92	David Sykes	2005	Pam Rogers	
2003	1983	Greg Williams	1992-93	David Sykes	2006	Ally Read	
2004	1984	Jack Woods	1993-94	David Sykes	2007-08	Vanessa Ryan	
2005	1985	Mike Volpe	1994-95	Lewis Page	2008-09	Christena MacRae	
2006	1986	David Macintosh	1995-%	Jared Steenbakkes	2009-10	Ashley Ryer	
2007-08	1987	Chris Rowarth	1996-97	Neil Morley	2010-11	Kayla Oakley	
2008-09	1988	Chris Hynn	1997-98	Mike Weatherbie	2011-12	Kayla Oakley	
			1998-99	Charlie Toth			

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<b>AUS Women's Basketball</b>	<b>AUS Women's Soccer</b>	<b>AUS Field Hockey</b>	<b>AUS Field Hockey</b>
<b>AUS Championship Teams</b>	<b>AUS Championship Teams</b>	<b>AUS Championship Teams</b>	<b>AUS All Stars</b>
1976-77	1992,2002	1977,1984,1988,2000,2001, 2002,2003,2004,2008,2011	1996 Sarah Bell, Tami Jones, Anne Mayme, Sabitha Masih
<b>AUS Basketball MVFs</b>	<b>AUS Soccer MVPs</b>	<b>AUS All Stars</b>	
2000-01 Julie Galipeau 1997-98 Jadranka Gronogorac	1997 Signa Butler 2011 Kelly Burgess	2003 Katie Baker, RinaBatra, Colleen MacIntyre, Sarah White	1995 Sarah Bell, Sabitha Masih
<b>AUS Coach-of-the-Year</b>	<b>AUS All Stars</b>		1994 Sabitha Masih, Sarah Keiley, Erin OBrien
1978 Kathy Mullane (AUAA) 1997-98 Jill Healy 1980-81 Helen Castonguay	<b>First Team</b> 2011 Kelly Burgess Anne Langley	2002 Genieve Gay, Tara O'Reilly, Sarah White Monique Robichaud,	1993 Sabitha Masih, Alana Spicer, Erin OBrien
<b>CIS Rookie-of-the-Year</b>	<b>Second Team</b>	2001 Genieve Gay, Tara O'Reilly, Lisa Bonin	1992 Alana Spicer, Erin OBrien
1999-00 Julie Galipeau	2011 Lindsay Millet		1991 JoniMacDougall
<b>Cross Country*</b> <b>(Male &amp; Female)</b> (* No Championship Teams to date)	<b>AUS Coach-of-the-Year</b>	2000 Tara O'Reilly, Lisa Bonin Allyson Jenkins	1990 Heather Andrews Debbie Gibson
	2011 Mark Sweetapple	1999 Tara O'Reilly, Lisa Bonin Allyson Jenkins	1989 Heather Andrews Debbie Gibson
<b>AUS Cross Country Female Athlete-of-the-Year</b>	<b>CIS Student Athlete Community Service Award</b>	1998 Colleen O'Brien, Kathryn Scott, Tanya Young	1989 Heather Andrews Debbie Gibson
2009 Ashley Ryer 2002 Kristen Lewis-Wood ruff	2006 Ally Read		
<b>AUS Track &amp; Field (M/F)**</b> (*No AUS Championship Teams to date)	<b>CIS First Team All Canadian</b>	1997 Colleen OBrien	1989 Heather Andrews Debbie Gibson
	2011 Kelly Burgess		

**Atlantic University Sport (AUS) & CIS Championship teams, MVPs, Player-of-the-Year, Rookie-of-the-Year, Coach-of-the-Year**

<b>AUS Field Hockey</b>	<b>AUS Field Hockey</b>	<b>AUS Women's Rugby</b> (In 2002 became an AUS sanctioned Sport)	<b>AUS Women's Hockey</b> (Records begin in 1997-98 <sup>f</sup> )
<b>AUS All Stars</b>	<b>AUS All Stars</b>		<b>AUS Championship Teams</b>
<b>1988</b> Heather Andrews Debbie Gibson Heather Maclean	<b>1976</b> Darlene Mossman	<b>AUS Championship Teams.</b> (*No Championship Teams to date)	<b>1997-98, 2002-03</b> <b>2003-04, 2009-10</b>
<b>1987</b> Heather Maclean	<b>1975</b> KimRobson, Susan Dunbrack	<b>AUS Rugby MVP</b> <b>2003</b> Genevieve Gay	<b>AUS Hockey MVFs</b>
<b>1986</b> Heather Andrews	<b>1974</b> KimRobson, Susan Dunbrack	<b>AUS Student Athlete Community Service Award</b> <b>2011</b> Jessica Frenette	<b>2005-06</b> Courtney Schriver <b>2004-05</b> Lindsay Taylor <b>2003-04</b> Lindsay Taylor <b>2002-03</b> Kerrie Boyle <b>2001-02</b> Tasha Noble <b>2000-01</b> Tasha Noble
<b>1985</b> Alices Verran, Lisa DeSilva	<b>AUS Field Hockey MVPS</b> <b>2001</b> Tara O'Reill	<b>AUS Women's Volleyball</b> (Began in 1988)	<b>CIS Hockey Rookie-of-the-Year</b>
<b>1984</b> Angie Banks	<b>2002</b> Genevieve Gay <b>2003</b> Sarah White	<b>AUS Championship Teams</b> <b>1996-97,2003-04,2005-06</b> <b>2006-07,2009-10</b>	<b>2004-05</b> Courtney Schriver
<b>1983</b> Annelie Vandenberg, Darlene Stoyka, Lisa DeSilva	<b>AUS Rookie-Of-the-Year</b>	<b>AUS Volleyball MVPs</b>	<b>2002-03</b> Lindsay Taylor
<b>1982</b> Karen MacKeller, Margie Longley	<b>1993</b> Sabitha Masih <b>1994</b> Colleen O'Brien <b>1997</b> Tanya Young <b>2002</b> Sarah White	<b>2011-12</b> Kerri Smit <b>2010-11</b> Kerri Smit <b>2008-09</b> Kerri Smit <b>2001-02</b> Carolyn MacFarlane <b>2000-01</b> Carolyn MacFarlane	<b>AUS Hockey Coach-of-the-Year</b>
<b>1981</b> Annelie Vandenberg, Monica MacKenzie	<b>Gail Wilson Award</b>	<b>AUS Coach-of-the-Year</b>	<b>2002-03</b> Lisa (Jordan) MacDonald
<b>1980</b> Dianne Chaisson	<b>2001</b> Tara O'Reilly		<b>2001-02</b> Lisa (Jordan) MacDonald
<b>1979</b> Monica MacKenzie	<b>AUS Coach-of-the-Year</b>	<b>2011-12</b> Darren Russell <b>2010-11</b> Darren Russell <b>1996-97</b> Lori Welsh-Hawley <b>1994-95</b> Lori Welsh-Hawley	<b>CIS Hockey Coach-of-the-Year</b>
<b>1978</b> Nancy Collins	<b>1993</b> Sharon Rajaraman <b>2002</b> Sharon Rajaraman <b>2003</b> Sharon Rajaraman		<b>2002-03</b> Lisa (Jordan) MacDonald
<b>1977</b> Nancy Collins, Monica MacKenzie, Joan Selig			

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<b>AUS Men's Soccer</b>	1998 Stewart Galloway	QS Player-of-the-Year.	fIS Player-of-the-Year
	1994 Stewart Galloway		
	1992 Stewart Galloway	1992-93 Will Njoku	2008-09 Marc Rancourt
AUS Championship Teams	1989 Peter Wcha		1982-83 Mark Locken
	1981 Roy Clements	AUS Basketball Coach-of-the-Year	
1966,1967,1979,1981,1988 1989,2000,2001,2004,2005	CIS Soccer Coach-of-the-Year	1979-80 Gary Heald	OS Outstanding Student Athlete (Dr. Randy Gregg Award)
		1981-82 Gary Heald	2005-06 David Chant
AUS Male Soccer MVPs**	1994 Stewart Galloway	1989-90 Ross Quackenbush	2001-02 Steven Gallace
	2001 Stewart Galloway	1992-92 Ross Quackenbush	
2004 Kevin Devereaux	<b>AUS Men's Basketball</b>		OS Most Sportsmanlike Player (R.W.Pugh Award)
2003 Mesut Mert			
2001 Mesut Mert	AUS Basketball Champions	OS Coach-of-the-Year	
1994 Lewis Page			2007-08 Dan Rudisuela
1992 George Kyreakakos	1967-68,1969-70,1972-73,1974-75	1972-73 Brian Heaney	AUS Hockey Coach-of-the-Year
1990 Dermis Robinson	1975-76,1978-79,1979-80,1980-81		
1987 Woody Bailey	1986-87,1991-92,1998-99,2007-08	<b>AUS Men's Hockey</b>	1999-00 Trevor Stienburg
QS Soccer Player-of-the-Year	AUS Basketball MVPs <sup>1</sup>	AUS Championship Teams	1998-99 Trevor Stienburg
			1986-87 Randy Nesbitt
<b>2001</b> Mesut Mert	2005-06 Jerome Goodman	1968-69,1969-70,1970-71,1971-72	CIS Hockey Coach-of-the-Year
2003 Mesut Mert	2003-04 Gabe Goree	1972-73,1973-74,1974-75,1976-77	(Father Geogje Kehoe Memorial Award)
QS Male Soccer Student Athlete & Community Service Award	2002-03 Gabe Goree	2001-02,2008-09,2009-10	
	1993-94 Will Njoku		
	1992-93 Will Njoku	AUS Male Hockey MVPs <sup>2</sup>	1999-00 Trevor Stienburg
	1991-92 Brian Thompson		1999-98 Trevor Stienburg
2009 Guiseppe Sechilone	1978-79 Kevin Woods	2008-09 Marc Rancourt	1976-77 Bob Boucher
AUS Soccer Coach-of-the-Year	AUS Rookie-of-the -Year	2006-07 Dan Rudisuela	1972-73 Bob Boucher
		1992-93 Steve Kluczkowski	
2005 Stewart Galloway	2011-12 Brian Rouse	1988-89 Wayne Morrow	
2001 Stewart Galloway			
1999 Stewart Galloway	1. AUS MVPs begin in 1978-79. No league winner or MVP were declared in 1982-83.	1982-83 Mark Locken	2. Hockey MVPs/Player-of-the-Year only began in the 1979-80 season.
**Soccer MVPs only began in 1983.		1981-82 Mark Locken	

## Atlantic University Sport (AUS) &amp; CIS Championship Football plus Saint Mary's Block &amp; Tackle Award

<p><b>AUS Football</b></p> <p><b>AUS Football Championships<sup>1</sup></b> 1964,1965,1971,1972,1973,1974 1987,1988,1989,1990,1992,1993 1994,1999 2000,2001,2002 2003,2004 2007,2008,2009</p> <p><b>AUS Football MVPs</b> 2010 Jahmeek Taylor 2007 Erik Glavic 2004 Steve Panella 2003 Les Mullings 2001 Luis Perez 2000 Ryan Jones 1998 David Sykes 1990 Chris Flynn 1989 Chris Flynn 1988 Chris Flynn 1973 Ken dark 1972 Bill Robinson, Sr.</p> <p><b>CIS Player-of-the-Year</b> 2007 Erik Glavic 1990 Chris Flynn 1989 Chris Flynn 1988 Chris Flynn</p> <p><b>CIS Outstanding Defensive Player-of-the-Year</b> 1993 Alex Eliopoulos</p> <p>1. Saint Mary's Saints football teams also won Maritime Junior Championships in 1955 and 1956.</p>	<p><b>CIS Russ Jackson Award (Athletics, Academics and Citizenship):</b></p> <p>1995 Ted MacLean 1993 David Sykes 1992 David Sykes</p> <p><b>QS Football Coach-of-the-Year</b></p> <p>2010 Steve Sumarah 2009 Steve Sumarah 1993 Larry Uteck 1988 Larry Uteck</p>	<p><b>Saint Mary's University Football: Block &amp; Tackle Awards<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p>1959 John Richards 1960 John Richards 1961 Frank Arment 1962 Frank Arment 1963 Frank Arment 1964 Frank Archambault 1965 Bob Johnson 1966 John (J. B.) Murphy 1967 Don Murphy 1968 Rick Franklin 1969 Jerry Prentice 1970 Mark Connolly 1971 Gordon Fumerton 1972 Fred Schmuck 1973 Doug Wasson 1974 Mike Curry 1975 Mike Curry 1976 Hans Himmelman 1977 Donny Martin 1978 James Boyd 1979 Mark Heidebiecht 1980 Rick Baigent 1981 Angelo Visentin 1982 Jim Czenze 1983 Tom Young 1984 Jim Czenze 1985 Shane Doyle 1986 Bill Scollard 1987 Shane Doyle</p>	<p>1988 Scott Dunthorne 1989 Doug MacKenzie 1990 Paul Tonet 1991 Paul Tonet 1992 Greg Foran 1993 Alex Eliopoulos 1994 Alex Eliopoulos 1995 James MacPherson 19% James MacPherson 1997 David Bottrill 1998 Kyi Morrison 1999 Brad Chalmers 2000 Kelly Ireland 2001 Erik Lyman 2003 Erico Hakim 2004 Les Mullings 2005 Les Mullings 2006 Tyler Powell 2007 Andrew King 2008 Joel Lipinski 2009 Justin Palardy 2010 Justin Palardy 2011 Mark Holden 2012 No award presented</p> <hr/> <p>1. From 1959 until 1994 the Block &amp; Tackle Award was presented to the outstanding football lineman. In 1995, the criteria for this award seems to have been changed, with the winner being a non-lineman, running back James MacPherson. In recent years, both MVP and Block &amp; Tackle Awards have been presented, but in 2012 only the MWP award was given out, with no Block &amp; Tackle recipient that year. See MVPs on page 287 of these Appendices.</p>
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## Atlantic University Sport (AUS) All-Stars 2010- 2012

YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS.	SPORT	YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS.	SPORT
1989-90	Chris Rowarth	second	Men's Basketball	1998-99	Brad Chalmers	OL	Football
1989-90	Brian Thompson	second	Men's Basketball	1998-99	JoshTavares	LB	Football
1989-90	Brian Thompson	first	Men's Basketball	1998-99	David Bottrill	DB	Football
1989-90	Chris Rowarth	second	Men's Basketball	1998-99	Jonah Taussig	first	Men's Basketball
1990-91	Brian Thompson	first	Men's Basketball	1998-99	Patrick Toulouse	second	Men's Basketball
1990-91	Cindy Flynn	first	Women's Basketball	1998-99	Fernando Lucas		Men's Soccer
1990-91	Charlene Fa Ik	second	Women's Basketball	1998-99	Chris Harrison		Men's Soccer
1991-92	Brian Thompson	first	Men's Basketball	1998-99	Jennifer Reid	second	Women's Basketball
1991-92	Will Njoku	second	Men's Basketball	1998-99	Lisa Ward	second	Women's Basketball
1991-92	Charlene Fa Ik	second	Women's Basketball	1998-99	Lynn Wright	first	Women's Soccer
1992-93	Will Njoku	first	Men's Basketball	1998-99	Erin Keating	first	Women's Soccer
1992-93	Richard Sullivan	second	Men's Basketball	1998-99	Nadine Sinclair	first	Women's Volleyball
1993-94	Will Njoku	first	Men's Basketball	1998-99	Barb Brown	second	Women's Volleyball
1993-94	Richard Sullivan	second	Men's Basketball	1999-00	Luis Perez	RB	Football
1993-94	Lori Messer	first	Women's Basketball	1999-00	Karoly "Charlie" Toth	OL	Football
1994-95	Jadranka Crnogorac	first	Women's Basketball	1999-00	Brad Chalmers	OL	Football
1994-95	Norma MacIntyre	first	Women's Basketball	1999-00	John Sal mas	OL	Football
1995-%	Jason Medford	first	Men's Basketball	1999-00	Jean-Michel Sylvain	OL	Football
1995-%	Jadranka Crnogorac	first	Women's Basketball	1999-00	Chris Faetz	SpecialTeam	Football
1996-97	Jason Medford	first	Men's Basketball	1999-00	Mark Axborn	DL	Football
1996-97	Jadranka Crnogorac	first	Women's Basketball	1999-00	JoshTavares	LB	Football
1996-97	Nadine Sinclair	second	Women's Volleyball	1999-00	Joe Barbati	LB	Football
1997-98	Jonah Taussig	first	Men's Basketball	1999-00	Josh Labucki	DB	Football
1997-98	Patrick Toulouse	second	Men's Basketball	1999-00	Sean Miffen	DB	Football
1997-98	Chris Coulter		Men's Soccer	1999-00	Jonah Taussig	first	Men's Basketball
1997-98	Jadranka Crnogorac	first	Women's Basketball	1999-00	Cory Janes	first	Men's Basketball
1997-98	Jennifer Reid	second	Women's Basketball	1999-00	IdrisMert		Men's Soccer
1997-98	Marie Rasmussen	first	Women's Soccer	1999-00	Chris Devlin		Men's Soccer
1997-98	Nadine Sinclair	first	Women's Volleyball	1999-00	Dan Fournier		Men's Soccer
1997-98	Dana Olsen	second	Women's Volleyball	1999-00	Julie Galipeau	second	Women's Basketball
1998-99	Luis Perez	RB	Football	1999-00	Tasha Noble	first	Women's Hockey
1998-99	Karoly "Charlie" Toth	OL	Football	1999-00	Danielle Hotchkiss	first	Women's Soccer
				1999-00	Barb Brown	second	Women's Volleyball

1, AUS All-Stars in Field Hockey from 1974 until 2003 are listed separately in the AUS/CIS section on Field Hockey page 290.

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YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS,	SPORT	YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS	SPORT
2000-01	Ryan Jones	QB	Football	2001-02	Ryan Jones	QB	Football
2000-01	Luis Perez	RB	Football	2001-02	Luis Perez	RB	Football
2000-01	Jay Currie	WR	Football	2001-02	Dean Jones	RB	Football
2000-01	PatThibeault	IR	Football	2001-02	Jason Currie	WR	Football
2000-01	Paul Fleming	IR	Football	2001-02	PatThibeault	IR	Football
2000-01	Karoly "Charlie" Toth	OL	Football	2001-02	Paul Heming	IR	Football
2000-01	Kelly Ireland	OL	Football	2001-02	Colin Oldrieve	OL	Football
2000-01	John Sal mas	OL	Football	2001-02	Jean-MichelSylvain	OL	Football
2000-01	Jean-MichelSylvain	OL	Football	2001-02	John Sal mas	OL	Football
2000-01	Eric Lyman	DL	Football	2001-02	Steve Morley	OL	Football
2000-01	Doug Borden	DL	Football	2001-02	Doinerioo Bartolacci	Punter	Football
2000-01	Kyi Morrison	DL	Football	2001-02	Curtis Nash	SpecialTeams	Football
2000-01	Matt Demers	LB	Football	2001-02	Kyi Morrison	DL	Football
2000-01	Dermis Arruda	DB	Football	2001-02	Doug Borden	DL	Football
2000-01	Curtis Nash	DB	Football	2001-02	Bruce Nelson	DL	Football
2000-01	Josh Labucki	DB	Football	2001-02	Mathieu Demers	LB	Football
2000-01	Jonah Taussig	first	Men's Basketball	2001-02	Joe Bonaventura	LB	Football
2000-01	Steve Gallace	first	Men's Hockey	2001-02	Curtis Nash	DB	Football
2000-01	Mesut Mert	first	Men's Soccer	2001-02	Denis Arruda	DB	Football
2000-01	Jay Robinson	first	Men's Soccer	2001-02	NathanAnderson	first	Men's Basketball
2000-01	Tim Mullen	first	Men's Soccer	2001-02	Damon Parachnowitsch	second	Men's Basketball
2000-01	Andreas Atkins	second	Men's Soccer	2001-02	Steven Gallace	first	Men's Hockey
2000-01	Matthew Bolton	second	Men's Soccer	2001-02	JimMidgley	second	Men's Hockey
2000-01	Danny Worthington	second	Men's Soccer	2001-02	Jason Maleyko	second	Men's Hockey
2000-01	Julie Galipeau	first	Women's Basketball	2001-02	Paul Pippard	first	Men's Soccer
2000-01	Kristi-Jo Robinson	second	Women's Basketball	2001-02	MattBoulton	first	Men's Soccer
2000-01	Tasha Noble	first	Women's Hockey	2001-02	Tim Mullen	first	Men's Soccer
2000-01	Danielle Hotchkiss	first	Women's Soccer	2001-02	Carlos Lauriero	first	Men's Soccer
2000-01	Crystal Walton	second	Women's Soccer	2001-02	Brad <b>Kickham</b>	second	Men's Soccer
2000-01	Erin Keating	second	Women's Soccer	2001-02	Julie Galipeau	first	Women's Basketball
2000-01	Rebecca Campbell	second	Women's Volleyball	2001-02	Tasha Noble	first	Women's Hockey
				2001-02	Jill Seebold	first	Women's Hockey
				2001-02	Stacey Randell	second	Women's Hockey

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YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS.	SPORT	YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS.	SPORT
2001-02	Erin Keating	first	Women's Soccer	2002-03	Michelle Chouinard	first	Women's Soccer
2001-02	Crystal Walton	second	Women's Soccer	2002-03	Crystal Walton	first	Women's Soccer
2001-02	Michelle Anderson	second	Women's Soccer	2002-03	Danielle Hotchkiss	first	Women's Soccer
2001-02	Danielle Hotchkiss	second	Women's Soccer	2002-03	Pam Rogers	first	Women's Volleyball
2001-02	Rebecca Campbell	second	Women's Volleyball	2002-03	Janis Chapman	second	Women's Volleyball
2001-02	Gillian Dobbin	second	Women's Volleyball	2003-04	Steve Panella	QB	Football
2002-03	Steve Panella	QB	Football	2003-04	A1 Giacalone	RB	Football
2002-03	Dean Jones	RB	Football	2003-04	Les Mullings	RB	Football
2002-03	Jason Currie	WR	Football	2003-04	Fraser O'Neill	WR	Football
2002-03	Dave Stala	IR	Football	2003-04	Ian Ferguson	OL	Football
2002-03	Steve Morley	OL	Football	2003-04	Paul Archer	OL	Football
2002-03	John Salmas	OL	Football	2003-04	Kris Sembalerus	OL	Football
2002-03	Dave Stala	Punter	Football	2003-04	Les Mullings	SpecialTeams	Football
2002-03	Dave Stala	Place Kicker	Football	2003-04	Bruce Nelson	DL	Football
2002-03	Tim MacDonald	DL	Football	2003-04	JeffMoodie	LB	Football
2002-03	Bruce Nelson	DL	Football	2003-04	Joe Bonaventura	LB	Football
2002-03	JeffMoodie	LB	Football	2003-04	Sebastian Clovis	DB	Football
2002-03	Cartier Shields	DB	Football	2003-04	Andre Knights	DB	Football
2002-03	Gabe Goree	first	Men's Basketball	2003-04	Gabe Goree	first	Men's Basketball
2002-03	Mike Shaughnessy	second	Men's Basketball	2003-04	Keith Delaney	second	Men's Hockey
2002-03	Keith Delaney	first	Men's Hockey	2003-04	Ryan Devereaux	first	Men's Soccer
2002-03	Jason Maleyko	first	Men's Hockey	2003-04	Mesut Mert	first	Men's Soccer
2002-03	Brad Morgan	second	Men's Hockey	2003-04	Eduardo Farias	first	Men's Soccer
2002-03	Mesut Mert	first	Men's Soccer	2003-04	Julie Galipeau	first	Women's Basketball
2002-03	Blake Geddis	first	Men's Soccer	2003-04	Melissa Allaby		Women's Rugby
2002-03	Brad <b>Kickham</b>	second	Men's Soccer	2003-04	Genevieve Gay		Women's Rugby
2002-03	Dan Fournier	second	Men's Soccer	2003-04	MarcellaAbreu		Women's Rugby
2002-03	Julie Galipeau	first	Women's Basketball	2003-04	Lindsay Taylor	first	Women's Hockey
2002-03	Kerri Boyle	first	Women's Hockey	2003-04	Melinda Kaye	first	Women's Hockey
2002-03	Lindsay Taylor	first	Women's Hockey	2003-04	Trula Seaward	second	Women's Hockey
2002-03	Lois Keeping	second	Women's Hockey	2003-04	Kim Walton	first	Women's Soccer
2002-03	Cheryl Wright	second	Women's Hockey	2003-04	Crystal Walton	second	Women's Soccer

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YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS.	SPORT	YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS.	SPORT
2003-04	Courtney MacGray	second	Women's Soccer	2005-06	Les Mullings	RB	Football
2003-04	Pam Rogers	first	Women's Volleyball	2005-06	ErinInce	OL	Football
2003-04	Andrea Shakespeare	second	Women's Volleyball	2005-06	Tim Burris	DL	Football
2004-03	MarcellaAbreu		Women's Rugby	2005-06	Matt Fox	DL	Football
2004-05	Steve Panella	QB	Football	2005-06	Bart Szarzynski	LB	Football
2004-05	Les Mullings	RB	Football	2005-06	Curtis Woodley	DB	Football
2004-05	Fraser O'Neill	RB	Football	2005-06	Jeff Zelinski	DB	Football
2004-05	ErinInce	OL	Football	2005-06	Jerome Goodman	first	Men's Basketball
2004-05	Isaac Robinson	OL	Football	2005-06	Ryan Lauzon	first	Men's Hockey
2004-05	Dan Lumley	Punter	Football	2005-06	MattD'Angelo	first	Men's Soccer
2004-05	Rodrigo Davalos	Place Kicker	Football	2005-06	Tariq Sheikh	first	Men's Soccer
2004-05	Tim Burris	DL	Football	2005-06	Javier Gorgorza	first	Men's Soccer
2004-05	Tim MacDonald	LB	Football	2005-06	Matt Hogg	first	Men's Soccer
2004-05	Matt Fox	LB	Football	2005-06	Kristin Kirincish	second	Men's Soccer
2004-05	Sebastian Clovis	DB	Football	2005-06	Eduardo Farias	second	Men's Soccer
2004-05	Derek Watson	DB	Football	2005-06	Laura MacPherson	first	Women's Basketball
2004-05	Jerome Goodman	first	Men's Basketball	2005-06	Sherelle Carvery	second	Women's Basketball
2004-05	Nelson Carvery	second	Men's Basketball	2005-06	Kelsey Daley	Top7Finishers	Cross Country
2004-05	Kurt MacSweyn	first	Men's Hockey	2005-06	Joanne Anderson		Women's Rugby
2004-05	Ryan Lauzon	second	Men's Hockey	2005-06	Paula MacNeil		Women's Rugby
2004-05	Ryan Devereaux	first	Men's Soccer	2005-06	Courtney Schriver	first	Women's Hockey
2004-05	Eduardo Farias	first	Men's Soccer	2005-06	Sharon Kelly	first	Women's Hockey
2004-05	Javier Gorgorza	second	Men's Soccer	2005-06	Lindsay Taylor	second	Women's Hockey
2004-05	Laura MacPherson	first	Women's Basketball	2005-06	Courtney MacGray	second	Women's Soccer
2004-05	Lindsay Taylor	first	Women's Hockey	2005-06	Janesse Boudreau	first	Women's Volleyball
2004-05	Courtney Schriver	first	Women's Hockey	2005-06	TaraMatheson	first	Women's Volleyball
2004-05	Melilnda Kaye	first	Women's Hockey	2005-06	Danielle Shortall	second	Women's Volleyball
2004-05	Crystal Walton	first	Women's Soccer	2006-07	Jacques Lumbala	RB	Football
2004-05	Dianne Pearson	first	Women's Soccer	2006-07	Carl Hard wick	IR	Football
2004-05	Tanya Jazic	second	Women's Soccer	2006-07	Isaac Robinson	OL	Football
2004-05	Caroline MacFarlane	first	Women's Volleyball	2006-07	Derek Weber	OL	Football
2004-05	Pam Rogers	second	Women's Volleyball	2006-07	Thomas Elinesky	OL	Football
2005-06	Billy Robinson, Jr.	QB	Football	2006-07	Brend Shabley	DL	Football

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YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS.	SPORT	YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS.	SPORT
2006-07	Clayton Chiurka	DL	Football	2007-08	Thomas Elinesky	OL	Football
2006-07	Tim St. Pierre	LB	Football	2007-08	Justin Palardy	Punter	Football
2006-07	Tyler Powell	LB	Football	2007-08	Justin Palardy	Place Kicker	Football
2006-07	Tyrone Roue	DB	Football	2007-08	Brent Shabley	DL	Football
2006-07	Jeff Zelinski	DB	Football	2007-08	Dan Schutte	DL	Football
2006-07	Mark McLaughlin	second	Men's Basketball	2007-08	Clayton Chiurka	DL	Football
2006-07	Dan Rudisuela	first	Men's Hockey	2007-08	Tim St. Pierre	LB	Football
2006-07	Scott Hotham	first	Men's Hockey	2007-08	Andrew King	LB	Football
2006-07	Brandon Verge	first	Men's Hockey	2007-08	AlBirthwright	DB	Football
2006-07	Marc Rancourt	second	Men's Hockey	2007-08	Jeff Zelinski	DB	Football
2006-07	Brandon Verge	AURookieTeam	Men's Hockey	2007-08	Mark McLaughlin	first	Men's Basketball
2006-07	Eduardo Farias	first	Men's Soccer	2007-08	Shane Morrison	second	Men's Basketball
2006-07	Perry Harvey	first	Men's Soccer	2007-08	Marc Rancourt	first	Men's Hockey
2006-07	Brian Little	second	Men's Soccer	2007-08	Cody Thornton	second	Men's Hockey
2006-07	Hugh Mosher	second	Men's Soccer	2007-08	Cody Thornton	AURookieTeam	Men's Hockey
2006-07	Alise Brown	second	Women's Basketball	2007-08	AndiewHotham	AURookieTeam	Men's Hockey
2006-07	Megan Kinsman		Women's Rugby	2007-08	IstvanLakner	first	Men's Soccer
2006-07	Donelle Gillis		Women's Rugby	2007-08	Matt Hogg	first	Men's Soccer
2006-07	Katie Lake		Women's Rugby	2007-08	Danny Bachar	second	Men's Soccer
2006-07	Courtney Schrivei	first	Women's Hockey	2007-08	Jonathan McNeil	second	Men's Soccer
2006-07	Jocelyn Campbell	second	Women's Hockey	2007-08	Alise Brown	first	Women's Basketball
2006-07	Blair Kitlar	AURookieTeam	Women's Hockey	2007-08	Jasmine Paren	AURookieTeam	Women's Basketball
2006-07	JocelynCampbe 11	AURookieTeam	Women's Hockey	2007-08	Kelsey Daley	Top7Finishers	Cross Country
2006-07	Courtney MacGray	first	Women's Soccer	2007-08	Lindsay MacAskil		Women's Rugby
2006-07	Danielle Shortall	first	Women's Volleyball	2007-08	Fiona McNutt		Women's Rugby
2006-07	Ashley Wicks	second	Women's Volleyball	2007-08	Megan Kinsman		Women's Rugby
2007-08	Gerald Demers	Top 7 Finishers	Cross Country	2007-08	Kori Cheverie	first	Women's Hockey
2007-08	Erik Glavic	QB	Football	2007-08	Amy Dawson	first	Women's Hockey
2007-08	Jacques Lumbala	RB	Football	2007-08	Jillian Maclsaac	first	Women's Hockey
2007-08	Shawn White	WR	Football	2007-08	Courtney Schriver	second	Women's Hockey
2007-08	Carl Hard wick	IR	Football	2007-08	Kelly Burgess	second	Women's Soccer
2007-08	Isaac Robinson	OL	Football	2007-08	Kate Hislop	second	Women's Soccer
2007-08	Kyle McNeil	OL	Football	2007-08	Ashley Wicks	first	Women's Volleyball

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YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS	SPORT	YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS.	SPORT
2007-08	Janesse Boudreau	first	Women's Volleyball	2009	Derek Weber	OL	Football
2007-08	Scott Hotham	first	Men's Hockey	2009	Justin Palardy	Punter	Football
2008-09	Allistair Blair	RB	Football	2009	Justin Palardy	Place Kicker	Football
2008-09	Thomas Elinesky	OL	Football	2009	Devon Hicks	FL	Football
2008-09	Bryan Jordan	OL	Football	2009	Ryan King	LB	Football
2008-09	Justin Palardy	Punter	Football	2009	Mark Holden	DB	Football
2008-09	Justin Palardy	Place Kicker	Football	2009	Quinton Meaders	CB	Football
2008-09	Dan Schutte	DL	Football	2009-10	Joey Haywood	first	Men's Basketball
2008-09	Karl McCartney	DL	Football	2009-10	Mark McLaughlin	first	Men's Basketball
2008-09	Joel Lipinski	DB	Football	2009-10	Marc Rancourt	first	Men's Hockey
2008-09	Jeff Zelinski	CB	Football	2009-10	Andrew Hotham	first	Men's Hockey
2008-09	Mark McLaughlin	first	Men's Basketball	2009-10	Cody Thornton	second	Men's Hockey
2008-09	Joey Haywood	first	Men's Basketball	2009-10	David MacDonald	second	Men's Hockey
2008-09	Simon Marr	All Rookie Team	Men's Basketball	2009-10	Neil Conway	All Rookie Team	Men's Hockey
2008-09	Marc Rancourt	first	Men's Hockey	2009-10	Mike Sun	second	Men's Soccer
2008-09	Andrew Hotham	first	Men's Hockey	2009-10	Justine Colley	first	Women's Basketball
2008-09	Scott Hotham	first	Men's Hockey	2009-10	Justine Colley	All Rookie Team	Women's Basketball
2008-09	Cam Fergus	second	Men's Hockey	2009-10	Ashley Ryer	Top 7 Finishers	Cross Country
2008-09	Jonathan McNeil	first	Men's Soccer	2009-10	Jessica Dovarme		Women's Rugby
2008-09	Matt Hogg	first	Men's Soccer	2009-10	Barb MacDonald		Women's Rugby
2008-09	Tilman Sievrling	second	Men's Soccer	2009-10	Sarah Lamb		Women's Rugby
2008-09	Kelsey Daley	second	Women's Basketball	2009-10	Monica Lauder		Women's Rugby
2008-09	Kelsey Daley	Top 7 Finishers	Cross Country	2009-10	Kori Cheverie	first	Women's Hockey
2008-09	Megan MacIsaac		Women's Rugby	2009-10	Rebecca Mosher	All Rookie Team	Women's Hockey
2008-09	Ashley Aker		Women's Rugby	2009-10	Kelly Burgess	second	Women's Soccer
2008-09	Anne Langley	first	Women's Soccer	2009-10	Anne Langley	second	Women's Soccer
2008-09	Kelly Burgess	second	Women's Soccer	2009-10	Kerri Smit	first	Women's Volleyball
2008-09	Heidi Pentz	second	Women's Soccer	2009-10	Ali Beaver	first	Women's Volleyball
2008-09	Kerri Smit	first	Women's Volleyball	2009-10	Brad Orchard	Top 7 Finishers	Cross Country
2008-09	Janesse Boudreau	second	Women's Volleyball	2010	Craig Legere	RB	Football
2009	Devon Jones	RB	Football	2010	Kevin Walsh	WR	Football
2009	Craig Leger	RB	Football	2010	Jahmeek Taylor	Special teams	Football
2009	Adam Baboulas	OL	Football	2010	Adam Baboulos	OL	Football

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YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS.	SPORT	YEAR	NAME	TEAM/POS.	SPORT
2010	Dan Schutte	DL	Football	2011	<b>Ryan Tremblay</b>	WR	Football
	Jeff Hecht	LB	Football		<b>Guillaume Gagnier</b>	OL	Football
	Mark Holden	DB	Football		Brett Lauther	Place Kicker	Football
	Fraser Vrenjak	CB	Football		Jahmeek Taylor	Special teams	Football
2010-11	Joey Haywood	first (G)	Men's Basketball		Rob Jubenville	DE	Football
	Tory Fassett	second (F)	Men's Basketball		Kayin Marchand-Wright	CB	Football
2010-11	Andrew Hotham	first	Men's Hockey	2011	Neil King	Safety	Football
	Neil Conway	first	Men's Hockey		Rory Kennedy	first team	Men's Soccer
	Cam Fergus	second	Men's Hockey		Adam Downie	first team	Men's Soccer
	David MacDonald	second	Men's Hockey		Adam Miller	second team	Men's Soccer
	Chris McKiraion	all rookie team	Men's Hockey	2011-12	Kerri Smit		Women's Volleyball
2010-11	Jonathan Cordoba	first (MF)	Men's Soccer		Anastasia Callaghan		Women's Volleyball
	Shawn Kodejs	first (D)	Men's Soccer		Ariel Smith		Women's Volleyball
	Peter Garonis	second (MF)	Men's Soccer	2011-12	Justine Colley	first team	Women's Volleyball
	Rory Kennedy	second (MF)	Men's Soccer	2012	Kelly Burgess	first team	Women's Soccer
	Adam Miller	second (K)	Men's Soccer		Michelle Yates	first team	Women's Soccer
	Elvir Gigolaj	second (MF)	Men's Soccer		Anne Langley	first team	Women's Soccer
2010-11	Brad Orchard		Cross Country	2011-12	Lindsay Millett	second team	Women's Soccer
2010-11	Ashley Ryer		Cross Country		Anthony Peters	first team	Men's Hockey
2010-11	Lauren McKusker	second (F)	Women's Hockey		Mike UQrzio	All-Rookie Team	Men's Hockey
	Sarah Astle	AERookieTeam	Women's Hockey		Colby Pridham	second team	Men's Hockey
2010-11	Justine Colley		Women's Basketball		Tory Fassett	first team	Men's Basketball
2010	Kelly Burgess	first ( S)	Women's Soccer		Brian Rouse	All Rookie Team	Men's Basketball
	Heidi Penz	second ( S)	Women's Soccer				
2010-11	Kerri Smit		Women's Volleyball	<b>Track &amp; Field AUS Champions:</b>			
	Tessa Felix		Women's Volleyball		Kevin O'Neill	60m Hurdles	8.42 seconds
	Jane Pegg		Women's Volleyball		Garrett Ramey	Shot Put	15.18m
2010	Kathelyn Smith		Women's Rugby		Annissa Owen	Long Jump	5.56m
2010	Holly deVaal		Women's Rugby		Emma Pink	60 metres	7.87 seconds
	Katie McGraw		Women's Rugby	<b>NOTE:</b> Hie AUS Women's Field Hockey League was dissolved in 2005, but a tournament is played at year end to determine who would go on to play in the OAU Championships. In order to be eligible for the CIS Championships, an AUS team must win the OAU title. As such, field hockey is now a club sport, but with opportunities to compete as Varsity [See separate AUS Field Hockey All-Stars list (p .290).			
2010-11	Garrett Ramey		Track & Field				
	Kayla Marcotte		Track & Field				
2011	Craig Legere	RB	Football				

## Appendix V: Saint Mary's University Varsity Head Coaches &amp; Athletic Directors

<b>Saint Mary's Varsity Coaches</b>	Dugger McNeil: 1955-56 (assisted by Father Elmer MacGillivray) 1956-57	Men's Soccer	Women's Rugby
Men's Basketball	Bob Hayes: 1958-62 Bob Hayes & Don Clark 1962-63 Bert McCusker 1963-64	Sean Dennehy (player-coach): 1962, 1963 Roy Clements: 1964-1983 Peter Wicha: 1984-1991 Stewart Galloway: 1992- present	Cara Gillis: 2002 Troy Myers: 2003 Tammy Brisson: 2004 Glenn Johnston: 2005 - 08 Dawn MacDonald: 2009 -10 Rod MacDonald: 2011 Megan Kinsman: 2012 -
Frank Baldwin: 1950s-1962 Les Goodwin: 1963-1971 Brian Heaney: 1972-75, 1977-79 Ed Hall: 1976-1977 Gary Heald: 1980-1984 *** Not in Varsity League: 1985-86 Allan Waye: 1986-1989 Ross Quackenbush: 1990 - 2011 Jonah Taussig: 2012 -	[There was no Varsity Hockey Program from 1961-65 to 1966-67 inclusive.  Bob Boucher 1967-1979 Brian O'Bryne: 1980-1984 Larry Cunie: 1985-1986 Randy Nesbitt: 1986-1988 Norm McCauley: 1989-1992 Paul Boutilier 1993-1996 Trevor Stienburg: 1997- present	Women's Soccer	Women's Volleyball
Women's Basketball		Angelo Ciafaglione: 1987-1989 Debbie Rowsell: 1990-1991 Linda Whitehead: 1992-1994 Joanne Evans: 1995-1998 Stephen Hart 1999-2001 John Kehoe: 2002-2008 Mark Sweetapple: 2009-present	Karin Maessan: 1988 -1989 Joan Matheson: 1989 -1992 Lori Welsh-Hawley: 1993-1996 Mark Burley: 1997 - 2008 Darren Russell: 2009 - present
Kathy Mullane: 1974-75, 1977-78 Mickey Fox: 1976 -1977 Helen Castonguay: 1979 -1986 Jill Jeffrey: 1987-2008 Scott Munio: 2009 - present	Football <sup>1</sup>	Track & Field	SMU Athletic Directors
Women's Hockey	Bob Hayes: 1958-1969 A1 Keith: 1970 - 75; 1979-1982 Jim Clark 1976-1978 Larry Uteck 1983-1997 Blake Nill: 1998 - 2005 Steve Sumarah: 2006-2011 Perry Marchese: 2012-	Peter Wicha: 1985-1991 Deborah Brown: 1991-2007 Kevin Heisler 2007-pres	Robert "Bob" Hayes 1958-1985 Dr. Ian MacGregor 1985-1989 Keith Hotchkiss (ID): 1989-1990 Dr. Susan Natrass: 1990-1995 Lany Uteck (ID): 1995-1996 Larry Uteck: 1997-2002 Kathy Mullane (AD): 2002-2003 Dr. David Murphy 2003-2008 Kathy Mullane (AD): 2008 - 2009 Steve Sarty 2009-pres
Lisa Jordan: 1997-2011 Chris Larade: 2011-12 -		Cross Country	
Men's Hockey		Kevin Heisler 1996-pres	
"Puddy" Reardon - playing Coach 1951-53 Marty Barry (briefly), "Puddy" Reardon & Father Tyler 1953-54 Joey Johnson: 1954 - 55		Women's Field Hockey	
		Kathy Mullane: 1974 -1985 Helen Castonguay: 1986 Jill Jeffrey: 1987-1991 Sharon Rajaiaman: 1992-pies	ID = Interim Director AD = Acting Director (Likely little difference other than name).
	1. Prior to 1958 there were a number of coaches, including Father Elmer McGillivray.		

### Saint Mary's University: Academic All-Canadians

#### Criteria: Academic All-Canadians

#### Saint Mary's University

##### 1996-97

#### 60.40.1.1 General

Canadian Interuniversity Sport athletes may be honoured by being named "Academic All-Canadian" and listed on the "Canadian Interuniversity Sport Honour Roll". The Canadian Interuniversity Sport Office will release the honour roll to the media and a copy will be circulated to all university Directors of Athletics who are then responsible to circulate the information to their coaches and Sports Information Directors to ensure proper public recognition.

Boulton	Terynn	Soccer
Finden	Jeremy	Football
.Johnson	Tyson	Hockey
Lawton	Margaret	Track & Field
MacLean	Bonnie	Basketball
MacLean	Laura	Soccer
Morley	Neil	Football
Murphy	Todd	Track & Field
Oakley	Leah	Field Hockey
Pickett	Troy	Soccer
Sinclair	Nadine	Volleyball
Smith	Garreth	Soccer
Smyth	Brad	Track & Field
Terrio	David	Soccer
Wanigatunga	Amanda	Track & Field

#### 60.40.1.2 Criteria

60.40.1.2.1 To be nominated to receive a Canadian Interuniversity Sport award, the nominee or recipient must be a Canadian Interuniversity Sport eligible student-athlete at the time of nomination or receipt, and be free of any "major" disciplinary sanctions or suspensions from their university, Regional Association or Canadian Interuniversity Sport, in the academic year in question.

60.40.1.2.2 The athlete must have been enrolled as a student-athlete, as determined by their institution (minimum 18 credit hours as per Canadian Interuniversity Sport regulations).

60.40.1.2.3 The athlete must have received a September to August 31 grade point average, which takes into consideration every course the athlete was registered in during that period, equivalent to an A- or 80% or better.

60.40.1.2.4 The athlete must have been a member of the institution's Canadian Interuniversity Sport varsity team(s) and have used a year of eligibility for that sport.

60.40.1.2.5 There is no limit to the number of athletes that can be nominated by one institution.

60.40.1.2.6 The Registrar or designate must sign the Nomination Summary Form.

##### 1997-98

Alford	Andrew	Soccer
Bendelier	Kathleen	Volleyball
Boulton	Terynn	Ice Hockey-Soccer
Finden	Jeremy	Football
LeBlanc	Martin	Hockey
LeBlanc	Nicole	Volleyball
MacLissac	Rob	Hockey
McQuaid	Kate	Ice Hockey
Sinclair	Nadine	Volleyball
Smith	Melissa	Ice Hockey
Toth	Charlie	Football
Weatherbie	Mike	Hockey
Wilson	Stephanie	Ice Hockey & Soccer

**Saint Mary's University: Academic All-Canadians**

1998-99

Bendelier	Kathleen	Volleyball
Etheridge	Angela	Field Hockey
Hinds	Kristina	Field Hockey
King	Marty	Hockey
LeBlanc	Marty	Hockey
Lyttle	Ewan	Soccer
McQuaid	Kate	Ice Hockey
Oakley	Leah	Field Hockey
Pyke	Julie	Soccer
Smith	Melissa	Ice Hockey
Wilkins	Ruth	Volleyball
Wilson	Stephanie	Ice Hockey

1999-2000

Benjamin	Jesse	Track & Field
Bergman	Mark	Track & Field
DeAmicis	Carolyn	Basketball
Evans	Kathryn	Soccer
Gammon	Katie	Basketball
Gaudet	Maria	Volleyball
Henman	Ian	Track & Field
Hinds	Kristina	Field Hockey
Larkin	Corinne	Soccer
LeBlanc	Martin	Hockey
Maclsaac	Robert	Hockey
Pyke	Julie	Soccer
Smith	Melissa	Ice Hockey
Weatherbie	Mike	Hockey
Wilson	Stephanie	Ice Hockey

2000-2001

Atkins	Andreas	Soccer
Bendelier	Kathleen	Volleyball
Campbell	Rebecca	Volleyball
DeAmicis	Carolyn	Basketball
Evans	Kathryn	Soccer
Gallace	Steve	Hockey
Gammon	Katie	Basketball
Gaudet	Maria	Volleyball
Gillis	Erin	Soccer
Hinds	Kristina	Field Hockey
Lyttle	Ewan	Soccer
Pomeroy	Bradley	Cross Country
Pyke	Julie	Soccer
Quinlan	Catherine	Soccer
Samson	Janelle	Cross Country
Shakespeare	Andrea	Volleyball
Scott	Kari	Basketball

2001-2002

Batra	Rina	Field Hockey
Callahan	Nicole	Ice Hockey
Evans	Kathryn	Soccer
Fava	Sabrina	Rugby
Gammon	Katie	Basketball
Gaudet	Maria	Volleyball
Gillis	Erin	Soccer
Griffin	Courtney	Ice Hockey
MacKinnon	Sarah	Rugby
Mullen	Tim	Soccer
Pomeroy	Bradley	Track & Field
Pyke	Julie	Soccer

**Saint Mary's University: Academic All-Canadians****2003-04**

Quinlan	Catherine	Soccer	Batra	Rina	Field Hockey
Shakespeare	Andrea	Volleyball	Brown	Jacklyn	Rugby
Stevens	Laci	Volleyball	Burkitt	Chantel	Cross Country
Walton	Kimberly	Soccer	Carman	Brian	Track & Field
			Chapman	Janis	Volleyball
<b>2002-2003</b>			Chomack	Jordan	Hockey
			Chouinard	Michelle	Soccer
Batra	Rina	FieldHockey	Clipperton	Josh	Football
Benjamin	Jesse	Cross County	Corkum	Mallory	Cross Country
Delaney	Keith	Hockey	Delaney	Keith	Hockey
Emmerson	Dennis	Soccer	Evans	Kathryn	Soccer
Flynn	Leanne	Cross Country	Fegan	Roisin	Field Hockey
Greene	Erin	Rugby	Grant	Shannon	Basketball
Hatcher	Dianne	Soccer	Kamp	Olivia	Cross Country
Lewis	Kristen	Cross Country	Lefevre	Ariane	Soccer
MacDonald	Christopher	Track & Field	MacDonald	Christopher	Track & Field
MacKinnon	Sarah	Rugby	Manley	Bill	Hockey
MacSweyn	Kurt	Hockey	Marshall	Joelle	Cross Country
McCarthy	Benjamin	Basketball	McCarthy	Benjamin	Basketball
McCormick	Morgan	Hockey	McCormick	Morgan	Hockey
McKercher	Jeff	Hockey	McKercher	Jeff	Hockey
Morin	Zachary	Track & Field	Read	Allison	Soccer +Track & Field
O'Reilly	Tara-Lynn	Field Hockey	Robbins	Jonathan	Soccer
Piercey	Candice	Volleyball	Robinson	Brad	Track & Field
Pomero	Bradley	Cross Country	Rogers	Pamela	Volleyball
Robichaud	Monique	Field Hockey	Rudderham	Heather	Basketball
Robinson	Brad	Track & Field	Udle	Clark	Hockey
Rogers	Pamela	Volleyball	Udle	Jordan	Hockey
Walton	Kimberly	Soccer	Van Leusen	Aaron	Hockey
Wheeler	Sara	Cross Country	Walker	Jamie	Basketball
Woodruff	Kristen	Cross Country	Walton	Kimberly	Soccer
			Wheeler	Sara	Track & Field

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2004-05

deKoe	Lianna	Soccer
Flinn	Lindsay	Soccer
Jazic	Tanya	Soccer
Lefevre	Ariane	Soccer
Nizio	Katie	Soccer
Proudfoot	Lindsay	Soccer
Read	Allison	Soccer
Walton	Crystal	Soccer
Mosher	Hugh	Soccer
Fegan	Roisin	Field Hockey
Brown	Jacklyn	Rugby
Cohalan	Claire	Rugby
Nimmo	Shareen	Rugby
Patterson	Heather	Rugby
Chant	David	Hockey
Chomack	Jordan	Hockey
MacLellan	Brent	Hockey
McCormack	Morgan	Hockey
Van Leusen	Aaron	Hockey
Spruyt	Joyce	Ice Hockey
Wright	Cheryl	Ice Hockey
Coutts	Samantha	Basketball
Grant	Shannon	Basketball
Halpin	Emma	Basketball
Walker	Jamie	Basketball
Rudderham	Heather	Basketball
Robinson	Brad	Track & Field
Larder	Tiffany	Track & Field
Ricketts	Breanne	Track & Field
Fuhrmann	Linda	Volleyball

2005-06

Abraham	Theodore	Football
Batra	Rina	Field Hockey
Brown	Jacklyn	Rugby
Chant	David	Hockey
Cone	Catherine	Track & Field
deKoe	Lianna	Soccer
Donald	Ashley	Soccer
Etter	Christina	Cross Country
Flinn	Lindsay	Soccer
Folkes	Jennifer	Track & Field
Fraser	Paul	Cross Country
Grant	Shannon	Basketball
Halloran	Whitney	Ice Hockey
Jack	Micheal	Basketball
Jarda	Olivier	Track & Field
Jazic	Tanya	Soccer
Jordan	Natasha	Rugby
Kirincich	Kristin	Soccer
MacDonald	Adrienne	Rugby
MacKenzie	Erin	Volleyball
MacNeil	Paula	Rugby
MacPherson	Laura	Basketball
MacRae	Christena	Volleyball
Marshall	Joelle	Track & Field
Matheson	Tara	Volleyball
Matkovich	Shannon	Field Hockey
McBride	Brandon	Hockey
Nimmo	Shareen	Rugby
Nizio	Katie	Soccer
Polito	Natalie	Rugby
Rancourt	Marc	Hockey
Read	Allison	Soccer

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Riviere	Jasmine	Track & Field	MacGray	Courtney	Soccer
Robinson	Brad	Track & Field	MacMillan	Keith	Soccer
Rogers	Stephanie	Field Hockey	Matheson	Tara	Volleyball
Scully	Natalie	Ice Hockey	Matkovich	Shannon	Field Hockey
St. Pierre	Tim	Football	McBride	Brandon	Hockey
Toole	Lisa	Rugby	McBride	Robert	Hockey
			Morrison	Chris	Hockey
			Mosher	Hugh	Soccer
			Mullowney	Rebecca	Ice Hockey
			Nizio	Katie	Soccer
			Poirier	Kelly	Cross Country/Track
			Preston	Andrew	Football
			Rancourt	Marc-Andre	Hockey
			Read	Ally	Soccer
			Rogers	Stephanie	Field Hockey
			Rudisuela	Dan	Hockey
			Ryan	Venessa	Basketball
			Spruyt	Joyce	Ice Hockey
			St. Pierre	Tim	Football
			Tsuruda	Kaitlyn	Field Hockey
			Verge	Brandon	Hockey
			<b>2007-08</b>		
			St. Pierre	Tim	Football
			Carey	Christine	Cross Country/Track
			Rudisuela	Dan	Hockey
			Cunningham	Shane	Cross Country/Track
			Abraham	Ted	Football
			Brophy	Scott	Hockey
			Verge	Brandon	Hockey
			Rancourt	Marc-Andre	Hockey
			Wakeham	Stephanie	Basketball
			Capes	Barbara	Basketball
Abraham	Ted	Football			
Brophy	Scott	Hockey			
Capes	Barbara	Basketball			
Carey	Christine	Cross Country/Track			
Cross	Katelyn	Volleyball			
deKoe	Lianna	Soccer			
Dodge	Melissa	Rugby			
Donald	Ashley	Basketball/ Soccer			
Doucet	Kyle	Hockey			
Etter	Christine	Cross Country/Track			
Finlay	Julia	Basketball			
Flinn	Lindsay	Soccer			
Flinn	Kayla Elizabeth	Rugby			
Gilfoy	Peter	Basketball			
Grant	Shannon	Basketball			
Greenland	Jake	Cross Country/Track			
Hutton	Lauren	Field Hockey			
Ivanko	Holly	Ice Hockey			
Jack	Michael	Football			
Jarda	Olivier	Track & Field			
Jordan	Natasha	Rugby			
Kerlow	Chris	Football			
Launcelott	Zoe	Ice Hockey			
MacDonald	Adrienne	Rugby			
MacDonald	Barbara Anne	Rugby			

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Finlay	Julia	Basketball	Nizio	Katie	Soccer
Hutton	Lauren	Field Hockey	Bellefontaine	Ashleigh	Soccer
Tsuruda	Kaitlyn	Field Hockey	Await	Jasen	Hockey
Cheverie	Kori	Ice Hockey	Chouhab	Mohammed	Cross Country
Launcelott	Zoe	Ice Hockey	Turnbull	Candace	Hockey
Oakley	Kayla	Ice Hockey	Scichilone	Giuseppe	Soccer
MacDonald	Adrienne	Rugby	Cunningham	Shane	Cross Country/Track
Kennedy	Rebecca	Rugby	Carey	Christine	Cross Country/Track
MacNutt	Fiona	Rugby	Jordan	Natasha	Rugby
MacLeod	Erin	Rugby	Gilfoy	Peter	Basketball
Cross	Katelyn	Volleyball	Daley	Kelsey	Basketball
Sun	Michael	Soccer	MacRae	Christina	Volleyball
MacMillan	Keith	Soccer	Donald	Ashley	Soccer
Nizio	Katie	Soccer	Etter	Christina	Cross Country/Track
Donald	Ashley	Soccer	Finlay	Julia	Basketball
deKoe	Leanna	Soccer	Ward	Jena	Cross Country
Rouette	Julie	Rugby	Oakley	Kayla	Ice Hockey
Etter	Christina	Cross Country/Track	Ryer	Ashley	Cross Country
Whitehouse	Kaitlin	Field Hockey	Maclsaac	Jillian	Ice Hockey
Morrison	Chris	Hockey	Cross	Katelyn	Volleyball
Jordan	Natasha	Rugby	McCarthy	Sean	Football
Pentz	Heidi	Socceer	MacNutt	Fiona	Rugby
McBride	Brandon	Hockey	Morrison	Chris	Hockey
Parker	Kristen	Rugby	Capes	Barbara	Basketball
MacRae	Christina	Volleyball	Lang	Catherine	Rugby
Pratt	Stephanie	Rugby	Brophy	Scott	Hockey
Daley	Kelsey	Cross Country/ Basketball	Clark	Jenna	Basketball
			Hunter	Kirbey	Soccer
2008-09			Turner-Chiasson	Stephanie	Soccer
			Sun	Michael	Soccer
MacMillan	Keith	Soccer	Whitehouse	Kaitlin	Field Hockey
Cheverie	Kori	Ice Hockey	Fullerton	Mark	Soccer
Launcelott	Zoe	Ice Hockey	Rajaraman	Shane	Soccer
MacDonald	Adrienne	Rugby	Watts	Steven	Football

Appendix VI: Saint Mary's University Academic All-Canadians

**Saint Mary's University: Academic All-Canadians**

Cowan	Jeffrey	Soccer	Sun	Michael	Soccer
Milligan	Wendy	Volleyball	Trainor	Meghan	Field Hockey
Tucker	Melanie	Hockey	Turner-Chiasson	Stephanie	Soccer
Boulanger	Alexandra	Hockey	Whitehouse	Kaitlin	Field Hockey
Fifield	Angela	Basketball	Wilson	Alicia	Soccer
2009-10			2010-11		
Abraham	Theodore	Football	Shupe	Taylor	Field Hockey
Bergman	Joel	Cross-Country	Bastarache	Rachelle	Field Hockey
Campbell	Jocelyn	Ice Hockey	Black	Curtis	Hockey
Carey	Christine	Cross-Country	Stickland	Michael	Hockey
Chabot	Jeremy	Cross-Country	Gottschalk	Ryan	Hockey
Conway	Neil	Hockey	Richardson	Holly	Rugby
Corwin	Trottier	Track & Field	Le Rossignol	Michael	Track & Field
Daley	Kelsey	Basketball	Nuttall	Rebecca	Basketball
Danton	Mike	Hockey	Giffin	Leigh	Field Hockey
Diab	Monica	Soccer	Maybank	Allison	Rugby
Fullerton	Mark	Soccer	Rajaraman	Drew	Soccer
Giffin	Leigh	Field Hockey	Diab	Monica	Soccer
Hanrahan	Amber	Rugby	Trottier	Corwin	Track & Field
Kennedy	Rebecca	Rugby	Myatt	Katie	Cross-Country
MacDonald	Barb	Rugby	Fitzpatrick	Laura	Cross-Country
McLeod	Pauline	Rugby	Whalen	Kyle	Football
Moore	Nick	Track & Field	Danton	Mike	Hockey
Morrison	Christopher	Hockey	Kennedy	Rebecca	Rugby
Myatt	Katie	Cross-Country	Downie	Adam	Soccer
Nuttall	Rebecca	Basketball	Rajaraman	Shane	Soccer
Oakley	Kayla	Field Hockey	Caldwell	Jennifer	Soccer
Pentz	Heidi	Soccer	MacLeod	Erin	Cross-Country
Rajaraman	Drew	Soccer	Whitehouse	Kaitlin	Field Hockey
Ryer	Ashley	Cross-Country	McCusker	Lauren	Ice Hockey
Shwetz	Seyara	Ice Hockey	McGraw	Katie	Rugby
Smith	John	Cross-Country	Hunter	Kirbey	Soccer

## Saint Mary's University: Academic All-Canadians

2010-11 (cont'd.)

Sun	Michael	Soccer
Richardson	Chrissy	Track & Field
Oakley	Kayla	Field Hockey
McLennan	Austin	Football
Holden	Mark	Football
Shwetz	Seyara	Ice Hockey
Blair	Amber	Cross-Country
Snow	Matthew	Track & Field
Fletcher	Alycia	Cross-Country

2011-12<sup>1</sup>

## CIS Academic All-Canadians

The following CIS Academic All-Canadians were honored at a brunch earlier this month for academic and athletic achievements.



Taylor Schupe - Field Hockey,  
 Rachele Bastarache - Field Hockey  
 Curtis Black - Hockey  
 Michael Stickland - Hockey  
 Ryan Gottschalk - Hockey  
 Holly Richardson - Rugby  
 Michael Le Rossignol - Track & Field  
 Rebecca Nuttall - Basketball  
 Leigh Giffin - Field Hockey  
 Allison Maybank - Rugby  
 Drew Rajaraman - Soccer  
 Monica Diab - Soccer  
 Corwin Trottier - Track & Field  
 Katie Myatt - Cross-Country  
 Laura Fitzpatrick - Cross-Country  
 Kyle Whalen - Football  
 Mike Danton - Hockey  
 Rebecca Kennedy - Rugby

Adam Downie - Soccer  
 Shane Rajaraman - Soccer  
 Jennifer Caldwell - Soccer  
 Erin MacLeod - Cross-Country  
 Kaitlin Whitehouse - Field Hockey  
 Lauren McCusker - Hockey  
 Katie McGraw - Rugby  
 Kirby Hunter - Soccer  
 Michael Sun - Soccer  
 Chrissy Richardson - Track & Field  
 Kayla Oakley - Field Hockey  
 Austin McLennan - Football  
 Mark Holden - Football  
 Seyara Shwetz - Hockey  
 Amber Blair - Cross-Country  
 Matthew Snow - Track & Field  
 Alycia Fletcher - Cross-Country

1. Unfortunately the 2012 Academic All-Canadians were not named until August 2012, after this edition went to press. However, the names of all of those individuals will be posted on the Saint Mary's University website as soon as the names are known. Check back at <http://7www.smu.ca> in mid-September/October.

Photo of 2011 CIS Academic All-Canadians. On the left is Steve Sarty SMU AD, and on the right (second person in from end) is the University President, Dr Colin Dodds. Photo scanned from the 13 Annual Huskies Super Auction booklet. (March 6, 2012).

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sport time-line that provided accurate and contained detailed information that many of those who wrote on specific Varsity Programs relied upon. In addition, Mike was always available to offer his research expertise whenever asked. As such his work was crucial in filling in the gaps in the 1960s hockey history, as well as locating many names now properly added to the extensive list of awards found in the Appendices within this publication. Mike is also living proof that the successes of the Saint Mary's Varsity Sports programs could never have flourished the way they have without the staunch support of fans such as Mike Doherty. Thank you Mike!

Paul Puma  
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Throughout this publication we have recognized the early sport pioneers, the Sport Hall of Fame inductees, the award winning teams and well more than 2000 individual student-athletes whose names are recorded throughout this document or within the annotated Appendices; the latter being the most up-to-date listing of award winners in all capacities related to sports that has existed to date at Saint Mary's.

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## Recapping the 2011-12 Varsity Season

In Charles Dickens' *The Tale of Two Cities*, the opening chapter begins with the words, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." The 2011-12 Saint Mary's Varsity Sport season can be best described as being neither the best nor the worst of times. Only the women's volleyball team and men's soccer team captured AUS titles, with both advancing to the CIS playoffs. The Cross-Country team sent five members to the CIS Championships in Quebec City and four members of the Track & Field team represented the university at the CIS Championships in Winnipeg. The Robie Street school also suffered through some adversity and public scrutiny with the ill-advised dropping of the women's varsity hockey program in March of 2011, only to see it re-instated less than two weeks later.



**Perry Marchese, new Head Football Coach with MVP trophy ... for Craig Legere (MG).**

The contract of Steve Sumarah, varsity football coach, was not renewed leading to much speculation as to the reasons for his dismissal. The scenarios surrounding the selection of his eventual replacement, unfortunately created a somewhat tainted public view of the process of selecting Sumarah's replacement. Speculation and rumour were rampant during the lengthy period taken to announce that it was, in fact, Peny Marchese, who would be the Huskies new football head honcho.

The university got it right in the hiring of Jonah Taussig to replace long time men's varsity basketball coach Ross Quackenbush, who retired after twenty-three years at the helm

of the men's program, having played on a Saint Mary's QS Championship team (1977-78) and having coached a SMU CIS Championship team (1998-99). Taussig was a key player on that 1998-99 CIS Championship team and had been an assistant coach for the past eight years with Quackenbush



**Jonah Taussig, new Head Basketball Coach with Tory Fassett, MVP (MG).**

## Women's Varsity Sport

The basketball team finished the season with a respectable 12-8 record, only to lose 80-53 to the Dal women in the AUS semi-finals. Justine Colley continued her torrid play on the hardwood, repeating as a first team AUS All-Star and being selected as a second team CIS All-Canadian.

The Rugby team finished the season with a 0-6 record under rookie coach Rod MacDonald. Jessica Frenette was the winner of the AUS Student Athlete Community Service Award.

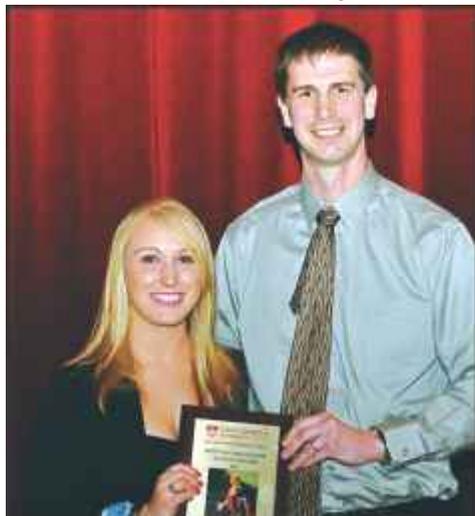


**Justine Colley, SMU Women's Basketball MVP with Coach Scott Munro (MG).**

The women's hockey program struggled after the cancellation fiasco, and although it was quickly re-instated, it resulted in the loss of head coach Lisa Jordan to Ryetsan

Jordan left Saint Mary's taking two of her top players with her. Under rookie head coach Chris Larade, the women's hockey Huskies posted a disappointing 1-22-1 record. The 2012-13 season, however, looks promising with a number of talented recruits already committed to the program.

The Soccer team had an impressive 10-2-1 season, but suffered a disappointing 3-2 set back in the AUS semi-final



**Kelly Burgess, AUS & SMU Soccer MVP with Mark Sweetapple, AUS Women's Soccer Coach-of-the-Year (MG)**

to their cross-town rivals, Dalhousie Tigers. Kelly Burgess was selected as the AUS MVP, as well as a first team AUS All-Star and a first team CIS All-Canadian. Coach Mark Sweetapple, garnered AUS Coach-of-the-Year honours, with Michelle Yates and Anne Langley joining Burgess as first team AUS All-Stars, while Lindsay Millett

was a second team AUS All-Star.

The field hockey team played all exhibition games but competed in the year-end AUS Tournament, going 4-0 without having a single goal scored upon them. They advanced to the Ontario Athletic Union playoffs, where they suffered a 4-1 set



**Sisters Mandy Aveiy (L), MVP, Field Hockey, and Brittany Avery, MVP, Women's Cross Country (FM).**

back to Waterloo and a heart breaking 2-1 loss to McGill. Mandy Avery was selected a first team CIS All-Canadian.

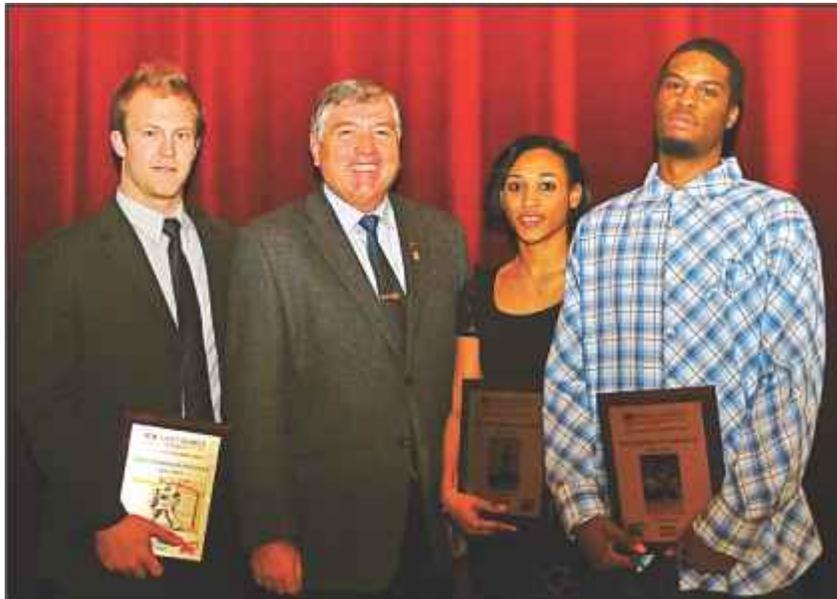


**Darren Russell, AUS Women's Volleyball Coach-of-the-Year with volleyball teammates, Ariel Smith (middle) and Kerri Smit (right), three time Saint Mary's & AUS MVP. (MG)**

The volleyball team had the distinction of winning the only AUS regular season title (male or female) for Saint Mary's during the 2011-12 season, as they were both the league and playoff winners. The volleyball women finished with an impressive 20 -1 record to advance to the CIS championship round. Their CIS play was disappointing, as the team finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place after dropping a 3-1 decision to Trinity Western Spartans. Kerri Smit was selected for a third time as the AUS MVP, as well as a first team AUS All-Star and first team All-Canadian. Joining Smit as first team AUS All-Stars were Ariel Smith and Anastasia Callaghan. Darren Russell was also selected as AUS Coach-of-the-year for a second time.

### Men's Varsity Sport

Trevor Stienburg's hockey Huskies had an impressive second place finish after an unexpected 18-7-3 season record, as the team had lost a number of key players through graduation and suffered numerous injuries to pivotal players during the first half of the season. After a first round bye, the Huskies were eliminated three games to one by the Moncton Blue Eagles. The prime success of the season had to be measured by the recruitment of a strong cast of rookie hopefuls, including former Mississauga St Michael's goalie Anthony Peters, who was perhaps the best newcomer. Peters garnered first team AUS All-Star status, as well as being named to the AUS All-Rookie Team, along with defenceman Mike D'Qrazio, while team captain Colby Pridham was a second



**Anthony Peters (L), AUS Hockey Rookie Award, and SMU Rookie co-winner with Brian Rouse (R), who also won the AUS Rookie Award in basketball. In the middle are Anissa Owen, Track & Field MVP and Rookie-of-the-Year; and Keith Hotchkiss, Director of Student Services (MG).**



**Men's Hockey Coach Trevor Steinburg (L) presents Colby Pridham with SMU MVP trophy. (FM)**

team AUS All-Star. The 2012-13 season looks promising for the team as they have only lost two players thus far, Kyle Wharton and Cam Fergus, although it is rumoured there may still be more losses for next year. Both Wharton and Fergus will be hard to replace but we are sure that Stienburg will continue his cunning recruitment of talented rookies.

The basketball team, in coach Quackenbush's 23<sup>rd</sup> and final year, finished with a 9-11 regular season record, good enough to qualify for the AUS play-downs staged at the Halifax Metro Centre. The hardwood Huskies would go on to upset the UPEI Panthers 89-77 in the first round, before being eliminated 96-87 by the Acadia Axemen, while the Axemen would go on to upset the X-Men in the Championship showdown. Tory Fassett was the only basketball Huskie to crack the AUS All-Star team, being selected a first team member. Brian Rouse, a recruit from Mississauga, Ontario, captured the AUS Rookie-of-the-Year-Award, as well as being named to the AUS All-Rookie Team. Long time assistant coach Jonah Taussig will be the new basketball bench boss for the 2012-13 season. Taussig comes with impressive credentials, having been a key part of the 1998-99 SMU CIS Championship team, a two-time CIS All-Canadian and was chosen, on three occasions, as the Saint Mary's University Male-Athlete-of-the-Year.

The Soccer team appeared destined for a mediocre season ending, finishing with four wins, three losses and six ties during their regular season, but the best was yet to come ... Coach Stewart Galloway always seems to find ways to get the



Steve Sarty, Athletic Director, presents Rory Kennedy with the Male Athlete of the Year Award; Rory was also SMU Soccer MVP in 2011-12 (MG)

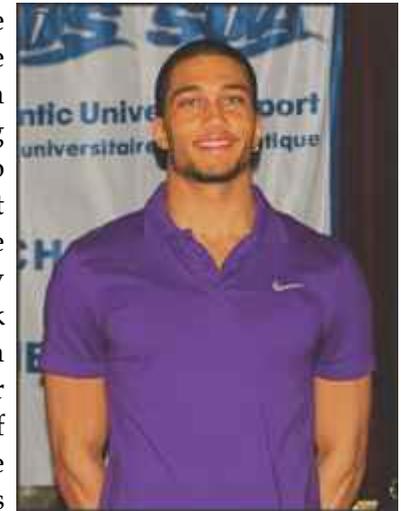
best out of his players and this year was no exception. The soccer Huskies went undefeated during the AUS Championship round, as Elvir Gigolaj went on a torrid scoring spree. The team advanced to the CIS Championship Tournament, defeating McGill 2-1 and Alberta 2-0, before falling 3-1 to the Victoria Vikes in the championship game and settling for a silver

Rory Kennedy and Adam Downie were AUS first team All-Stars; Kennedy, as a mid-fielder and Downie, a defender, while keeper Adam Miller was a second team AUS All-Star.

The football Huskies began the season with a 52-3 exhibition game thumping of the Acadia Axemen, but ended the season by losing to this same Acadia team 39-20 in the Loney Bowl. The Huskies 6-2 season record had been good enough to secure second place behind Acadia, and they went on to defeat St. F. X. in the semi-final before falling to Acadia in the championship game. The big news was not the team's failure to advance to the Uteck Bowl, but rather the university choosing not to renew coach Steve Sumarah's contract. Sumarah was snapped up rather quickly by Carleton University, with Saint Mary's eventually hiring former 90s quarterback, Perry Marchese.

A number of players were recognized by the CIS and AUS for their gridiron prowess. Kayin Marchand-Wright was a first team CIS choice as cornerback on the defensive side of the ball, with Rob Jubenville joining him as a second team CIS All-Canadian at defensive end. Eight players were recognized as

AUS All-Stars. First team offensive selections were guard Guillaume Gagnier, wide receiver Ryan Tremblay and senior running back Craig Legere, who was also the team MVP. On defence, first team selections were defensive end Rob Jubenville, safety Neil King and cornerback Kayin Marchand-Wright. On Special Teams, Jahmeek Taylor was the punt and kick-off return specialist chosen, while Brett Lauther was the league's selection as place kicker.



Kayin Marchand-Wright  
Cornerback, Football  
AUS first team All-Star (FM).

Track & Field... and Cross  
Country

Kevin Heisler, a 2011 inductee into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame, now in his fifteenth year as Cross-Country coach and fourth as the Track and Field leader, spearheaded both teams to respectability during the 2011-12 season. The Cross-Country team was led by Jake Wing's 15<sup>th</sup> place finish at the AUS Championships, while Wing, Brittany Avery, Brad Palmer, Alexis Gilbert Lavoie and Corwin Trottier advanced to the CIS Championships, each with favourable showings.

The Track & Field Team produced four AUS Champions: Kevin O'Neill won the 60m Hurdles in 8.42 seconds, breaking the record held by former SMU athlete Andrew Conrad; Garrett Ramey won the shot put with a throw of 15.18m; Anissa Owen won the long jump with a leap of 5.56m, tying the record held by former Olympian, Adrienne Power; while Emma Pink was victorious in the 60m with a time of 7.87 seconds. Both the men's and women's teams finished third in total points.



**Left to right: Coach Kevin Heisler with Jake Wing, Male Cross-Country MVP; Anissa Owen, Female Track & Field MVP; and Kevin O'Neill, Male Track & Field MVP (MG).**

**[Note: Brittany Avery captured the Female Crosscountry Award (see page 314)]**

O'Neill, Ramey, Pink and Owen all advanced to the CIS Championships, with O'Neill's eighth-place finish in the 60m hurdles being the best showing among the 2012 athletes.

### Athletes-of-the-Year

The SMU Sports Awards evening was highlighted with the presentation of the Male and Female Athletes-of-the-Year. The Female Athlete award was shared by Kelly Burgess, soccer and Kerri Smit, volleyball. Both of these student-athletes had outstanding seasons in their fifth and final year. Burgess was named the AUS League Most Valuable Player and a CIS first team



**AD Steve Sartv with co-winners Kelly Burgess (L) and Kerri Smit (R) (FM).**

All-Canadian, she also led the goal scoring and goals per game. Smit finished her career with the Huskies being named the AUS League's Most Valuable Player for the third time, and also earned first team CIS All-Canadian honours. She led the conference and the country in kills, as well as kills per game, and total points.

The Male Athlete-of-the-Year went to Rory Kennedy from soccer. Rory (see page 319 for team photo), in his graduating year with the Huskies, was named an AUS first team All-Star and also a CIS 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Canadian. He was the heart and soul of the Huskies' defense and a fierce competitor in his fifth and final season.

### President's Awards

The President's Award, which combines academic and athletic performance, went to soccer's Adam Downie and Kayla Oakley, field hockey and women's hockey. Oakley combined professionalism, athletic ability and outstanding academic performance to be a



**Dr. Colin Dodds, University President, flanked by award winners, Kayla Oakley and Adam Downie (MG).**

shining example of a pure student-athlete. Downie was named an AUS first team All-Star and is an academically gifted student who is a role model for all student-athletes. Both of these athletes are in their fifth and final year at Saint Mary's..



Rebecca Mosher  
(opposite), Hockey  
MVP with  
Chris Larade,  
first year Women's  
Hockey Coach.



Leah MacLellan  
(opposite),  
the John Jones  
Memorial Award:  
"Unsung Hero"  
with  
"Gabe" Morrison,  
SMU Vice-President,  
Administration.

Bob Warner, (opposite)  
(Bob Hayes Award,  
Outstanding Volunteer)  
with  
photographer Mona Ghiz.  
[NB: All photos on this page  
are by Mona Ghiz. (MG)].



Left to right:  
Kurt Stevenson  
with award  
winners,  
Dex Arnold  
and  
Chad Newhook.



Jean Baker,  
(opposite),  
MVP Rugby  
with  
first year  
Women's Rugby  
Coach,  
Rod MacDonald.

Basketball  
Coach Jonah  
Taussig (L)  
and  
Paul Puma (R),  
Chair, Sport  
Hall of Fame  
Committee.





**Saint Mary's University Men's Varsity Soccer: 2011-12 AUS Champions; CIS Finalists**

Top row (left to right): Roman Burgess, Kiefer Burgess, Ashwin Phatak, Kevin Madani, Pawel Gorski, Tareq Armoush, Kyle Khun, Tye Borden  
 Middle (left to right): Derek Gaudet, Ishraq Hassan, Elvir Gigollaj, Kyle Denbrook, Zach Bauld, Olivier Chenard, Drew Rajaraman, Richard Parkinson  
 Bottom (left to right): Adam Miller, Adam Downie, Vasili Garonis, Rory Kennedy, David Inglis, Ian Coke, Mike Sun, Ryan Campbell  
 Missing: Shaun Kodejs, Shane Rajaraman, Jhonattan Cordoba, Devon Dykers, Coach Stewart Galloway



**Saint Mary's University Women's Varsity Volleyball: 2011-12: AUS League Winners and Champions; CIS sixth place finish**

**Back Row:** Jane Pegg, Keiri Smit, Tessa Felix, Nicole McCulloch, Leah Springate, Amy Crider, Taylor Witty

**FrontRow:** Archie Hattie (assistant coach), An astasia Callaghan, Laurel (TBright, Shelby Michaels, Liz Couslich, Briana Donnelly, Ariel Smith, Danen Russell (head coach)

**Missing:** Darren McCallum (assistant coach), Caroline Gibson (assistant coach), Keisha Turner (assistant coach), Janesse Boudreau (assistant coach)



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